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Women in pants behind world's woes, says king

MBABANE—A man who is not only a chauvinist but is anti-human rights as well.

Swaziland's king has singled out women wearing trousers as the cause of the world's ills in a state radio sermon

WOMEN/ A17

MGA LALAKING TULAD MO ANG PROBLEMA!

19 dead in MILF attack

Rebs' ceasefire just a ploy, claims AFP

By the PDI Mindanao Bureau

COTABATO CITY—An early-morning clash yesterday in South Upi, Maguindanao, left at least seven militiamen and 12 secessionist rebels dead two days before the Moro Islamic Liberation Front was to begin a 10-day unilateral ceasefire, the military said.

Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga, commander of the Army's 6th Infantry Division, said the militiamen were on their way home from military duty at around 6 a.m. in Barangay Pandan when about 50 rebels attacked them. He said the military managed to respond and bombarded the fleeing rebels from the air.

Senga said the bodies of at least 12 rebels were recovered during mopping-up operations.

"This is treachery toward their own pronouncement that there will be a ceasefire on Monday," The Associated Press quoted Senga as saying.

But MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu defended the attack as legitimate. "The suspension of offensives will take effect on Monday yet. Militiamen are legitimate targets before then," he said.

Kabalu also said MILF guerrillas were under instructions to fire back if attacked.

"Our forces cannot be sitting ducks, so they were told to put up a defense in case of an enemy offensive," he said.

Senga said that while the Maguindanao ambush was taking place, MILF rebels were harassing Marine detachments in Barangay Bago Inged, a village in the Buliok complex in Pikit, North Cotabato. No soldier was reported hurt.

In Datu Paglas, also in Maguindanao, four rebels were reportedly killed in a clash with soldiers from the Army's 47th and 39th Infantry Battalions.

Four more rebels were reportedly killed in an early morning encounter yesterday in Barangay Puya, Columbio, Sultan Kudarat.

Brig. Gen. Agustin Dema-ala, commander of the Army's 301st Infantry Brigade based in Tacurong City, said heavily armed rebels were on their way to an attack when soldiers spotted them.

Dema-ala said six rebels were captured during the 45-minute battle. Soldiers also recovered three M16 rifles, one M14, two rocket-propelled grenade launchers and seven bullets, and one M203.

In Cagayan de Oro City, Maj. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing, commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, said a yet unknown number of rebels was killed Friday as the military intensified bombardment of guerrilla positions in Butig, Lanao del Sur.

Senga told the INQUIRER that the MILF declaration of a ceasefire was just a ploy.

He said the MILF was merely trying to strengthen its ground position and was conning the government into thinking it was sincere.

He also said the attacks yesterday indicated that MILF guerrillas were "beating the deadline imposed by their leaders."

Kabalu said all MILF field commanders would have received or-

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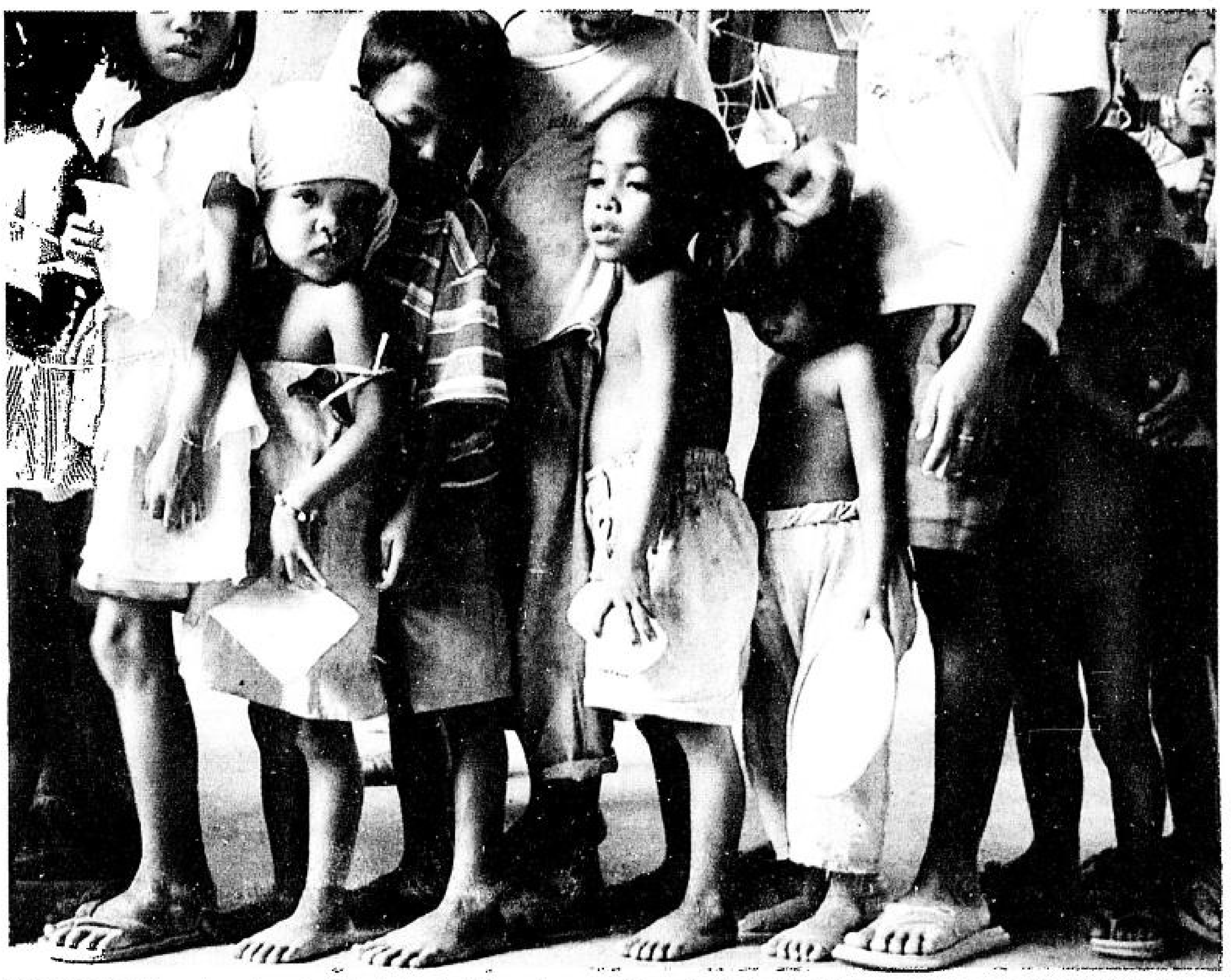

FOOD LINE: Claim stubs and empty plates in hand, children of evacuees line up for food at the Buisan evacuation center in Pikit, Cotabato.

EDWIN BACASMAS

Nature's defenders make do with very little

By Alya B. Honasan and Ina Pozon
Contributor

LEODOVICO Mamuntos, 49, is taking extra care these days.

At night he doesn't walk around much by himself, and he makes sure he is in the company of staff members when he goes to a meeting. He used to have a bodyguard but, he says, "it's expensive to maintain one, and you have to feed him also."

Mamuntos, a protected areas superintendent (Pasu) of the Apo Reef Natural Park in Mindoro, has already survived an ambush in Sablayan town, where his assistant was wounded. Fortunately, they were with some Scout Rangers, so the assailants were frightened off.

Since last December, Mamuntos- has filed cases against 230 people, half of them caught breaking the law in the marine park and the other half in the forests and upland protected areas of Mindoro that are also under his jurisdiction. The case filed

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THE THINGS THEY DID LAST SUMMER
When summer is done, the children of Barangay Lacnog, Tabuk, Kalinga can look back to a job well done in the barangay's hybrid ricefields. Aged 8 to 15, they volunteered to shake the male parent (taller plants) to disperse the pollen grains to the shorter female parent plants. Walking barefoot through the ricefields, the kids carry bamboo sticks to do the shaking. This method of supplementary pollination is essential in hybrid rice seed production (HRSP), especially on windless days. HRSP is done on 13 hectares; the rest of the 500 hectares is planted to hybrid rice, mostly of the *mestizo* variety, thus Barangay Lacnog's famed monicker: Barangay Hybrid Rice. Rice specialists from the Philippine Rice Research Institute assist the Kalinga farmers in their adoption of hybrid technology that's expected to bring rice self-sufficency to the country by 2004. Credit, too, goes to the volunteer children of many summers whose skin are now brown as the good earth.

Strangers help victim of sea tragedy recover

By Christian V. Esguerra

THIS is the story of a victim of a sea tragedy 18 years ago who has pulled through because of the patience and the caring and love of total strangers.

Television footage of rescuers plucking people, dead or alive, from the sea, hospital staff trying to revive victims and frantic relatives searching for their missing beloved are so painfully familiar to Lilibeth Acar, 28.

Lilibeth was only 10 when she lost her mother, three brothers and two sisters after a typhoon sank the Manila-bound MV Asuncion off Mindoro Occidental on Dec. 1, 1985.

LILIBETH today, recovered by the grace of God and the Gordons.

Only a year before, her father and a brother were killed while fishing.

The collision last Sunday of the MV San Nicolas and the Super Ferry 12 near Cavite brought back memories she would rather not remember.

She, too, had been all over the papers and television, depicted as the instant orphan from Palawan.

She was alive but alone—lost completely at sea. It took a team of US Navy frogmen from Subic two days to find her and her hometown friend Marites floating on a bamboo shaft.

It was Kate Gordon, wife of then Olongapo Mayor Richard Gordon who, along with American servicemen detailed in the former US Subic Naval Base, helped facilitate her rescue.

It had taken nearly forever for Lilibeth to recover from the unspeakable anguish of losing an entire family.

"When you experience something like that," Lilibeth said, and this is an understate-

STRANGERS/ A17

KATE GORDON, surrogate mother to Lilibeth Acar, then 10, in 1986.

No bail for Strunk, rules US court

NOTING that there was "reasonable suspicion" he could have arranged the murder of actress Nida Blanca, a California court on Friday rejected a request by Rod Lauren Strunk to be released on bail.

US Federal Magistrate Gregory Hollows also said Strunk was a "flight risk," and that his actions suggested he "will do what he must do to avoid appearing in the Philippines."

Strunk, 63, will thus remain in the Sacramento county jail while awaiting a July 28 extradition hearing.

But in his 11-page ruling, the judge also questioned conflicting testimony in the case, which could become a serious obstacle to efforts by the Philippine government to get Strunk to face murder charges.

Hollows, who will preside over the extradition hearing, wrote that he had "present and significant" doubts about some of the evidence against Strunk.

He cited conflicting statements among a handful of witnesses who placed Strunk at the scene of the crime, and others who say they saw him at the same time at the Quezon City home he shared with Blanca, 65.

NO BAIL/ A17

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northern and Western section of Luzon and Western Visayas will experience monsoon rains. The rest of Luzon and Visayas will have cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms while Mindanao will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
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Traders won't change GMA's mind about running–Bunye

By Dona Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is turning a deaf ear to the suggestion of businessmen that she reconsider her decision not to run in 2004. This, according to her spokesperson.

"We are thankful that they appreciate what the President is doing and that they see the improvements. But the President has already spoken on that issue," presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said in an interview over Radio Mindanao Network yesterday.

"I think she has said what needs to be said on this matter and she would no longer change her decision," he added.

Bunye was reiterating what has been Malacañang's official line since Dec. 30, 2002 about the 2004 presidential election.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL

Economy doing well

During the President's briefing for business groups at the Dusit Hotel in Makati City on Friday, several of those present said she should be open to the idea of running next year, since the economy has been doing well under her administration.

Ms Macapagal had reported to the businessmen the achievements of her state visit to the United States on March 18-24.

Robin Sy, president of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce of the Philippines Inc., had been quoted as saying Friday that "if the economy remains as good as it is now in the next few months, I don't see any reason why she should not run."

Norberto Viera, president of the Semiconductors and Electronic Industries Association of the Philippines Inc., said most businessmen were satisfied with Ms Macapagal's handling of the economy.

Ms Macapagal reported that her visit generated at least $3.35 billion in investments, trade concessions and financial aid and had broadened Philippine-US relations.

Her briefing came in the wake of reports that the gross domestic product grew by 4.5 percent in the first quarter of this year—the high end of the government's projections.

Last Dec. 30, Ms Macapagal stunned the nation when she declared she would not run in 2004 to spare the country from further divisiveness.

More upbeat

Despite the announcement, however, her advisers and some of her partymates in Lakas-UMD continued to try and convince her to change her mind.

Her supporters have reportedly become more upbeat about her chances in 2004 after her successful US state visit, where she received the royal treatment from US President George W. Bush.

Last week the INQUIRER reported that some of the President's advisers believe there is a "50-50" chance she would run after all, owing to her successful US trip.

The President has angrily and repeatedly denied the speculations.

Japanese also to blame for delayed projects, says public works head

By Armand N. Nocum

JAPAN'S contractors and consultants should share in the blame for the delay in the implementation of key foreign-funded infrastructure projects in the country, Public Works Secretary Florante Soriquez said yesterday.

Soriquez made the statement by way of commenting on Japanese Ambassador Kojiro Takano's remarks on Thursday that government investment policies "found wanting, particularly in terms of consistency and transparency," were turning away investors.

He said the ambassador should consider looking at the issue from a wider perspective.

"More often than not, the Japanese contractors and consultants do not give us complete documentation for the projects, resulting in delays in implementation," Soriquez told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

He said the government could not allow procedural shortcuts in the processing of papers.

Soriquez said that since he assumed office, he has tried to fast-track the implementation of projects and to streamline the processing of papers at the Department of Public Works and Highways.

To ensure swiftness and transparency in the implementation of local and foreign-funded projects, he said he would order the creation of Infrastructure Monitoring Action Groups and would invite local government officials and heads of nongovernment organizations to lead them.

"I will act on their recommendations and take punitive action against erring DPWH officials," he said.

In his speech before foreign correspondents, Takano also echoed his compatriots' fears about the country's peace and order problem. He said he has been having sleepless nights because of security fears.

He has since apologized for his remarks.

Whether exaggerated or not, the Japanese ambassador's negative remarks about the Philippines are enough "cause for concern," according to Vice President Teofisto Guingona.

"It is for us to correct that misperception," he told a press forum yesterday in Quezon City *With a report from Volt Contreras*

Rescue team needs saving; Chedeng death toll rises

By TJ Burgonio

FIVE members of a Philippine Navy rescue team themselves had to be saved after their rubber boat capsized in the waters off Zambales on Friday afternoon.

The team had just rescued fisherman Oscar Morillo, 38, of Matain, Subic, in the waters off San Antonio and were on their way back to shore when their rubber boat was hit by large waves caused by tropical storm "Chedeng."

According to Cmdr. Geronimo Malabanan, the Navy's public information officer, the team managed to right the rubber boat but failed to start its engine because this was filled with water.

After a few minutes, Malabanan said, the boat capsized again after being buffeted by big waves.

Unable to turn the boat over this time, the six men tried to swim to shore.

Capt. Ernesto Bonifacio, acting commander of the Naval Education Training Command who had dispatched the five-man team, sent another team to look for Morillo and the Navy men.

Because of the huge waves, it took the second team three hours to rescue the six men.

Members of the five-man rescue team are all in good health. They are PO3 Rey Perante, SN1 Ronnie Guiang, FN1 Allan Bataller, SN2 Gary Lozada and SN2 Melvin Tomasis.

Four more deaths due to the heavy rains and massive flooding caused by Chedeng were reported to the Office of Civil Defense in Camp Aguinaldo.

The latest report brings the death toll to 41.

As of 5 a.m. yesterday, three more deaths were reported in the Ilocos region, including that of a 3-year-old who drowned on Thursday in Barangay Lokep Norte, Malasiqui, Pangasinan.

A 60-year-old man was electrocuted in his house in Bacoor, Cavite last Thursday while tinkering with a rain-filled electric meter.

Countdown for Justice

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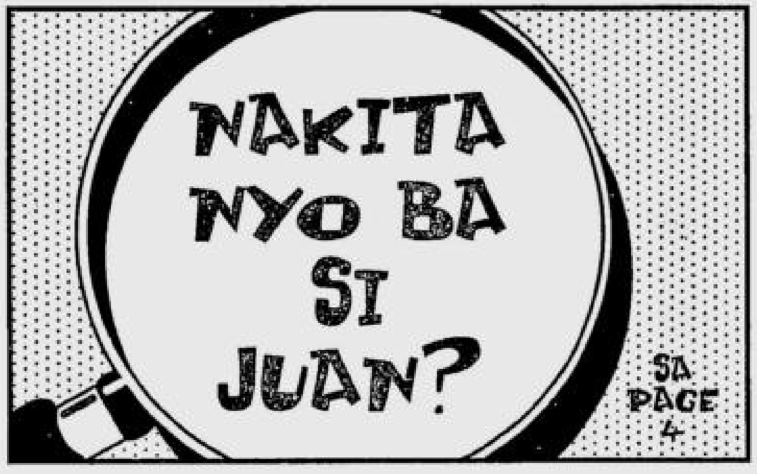
IT IS exactly 384 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.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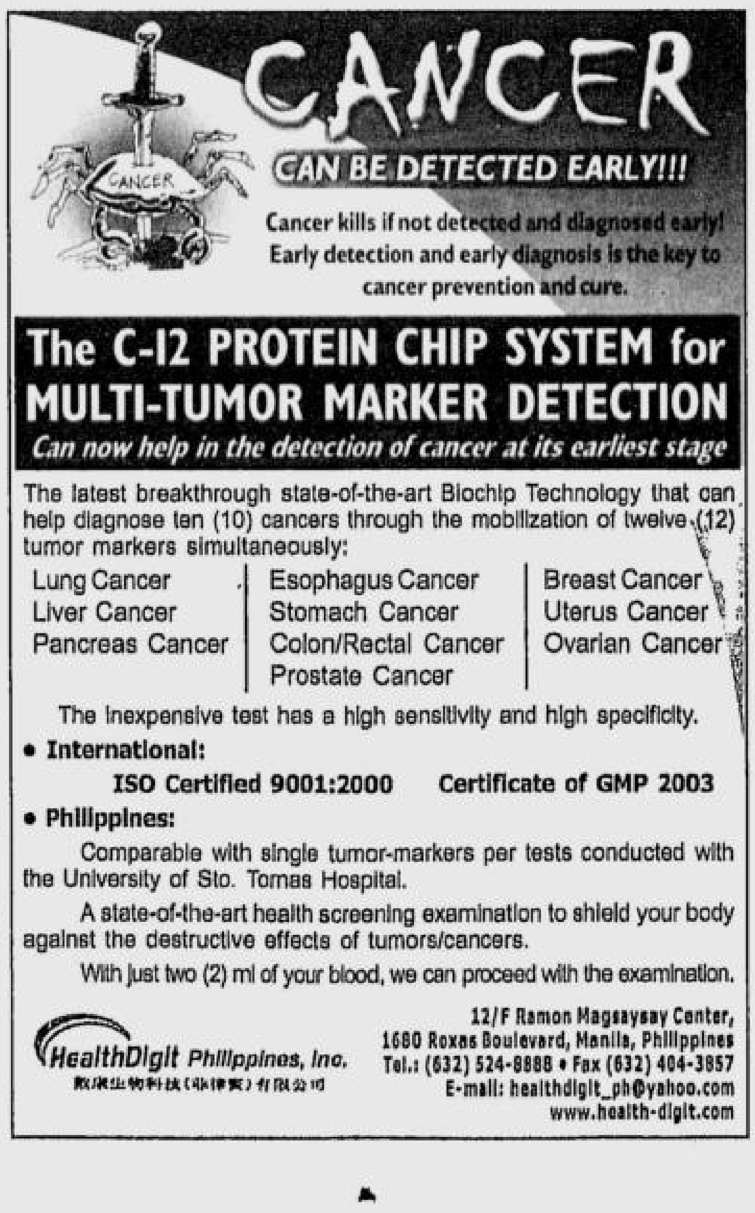
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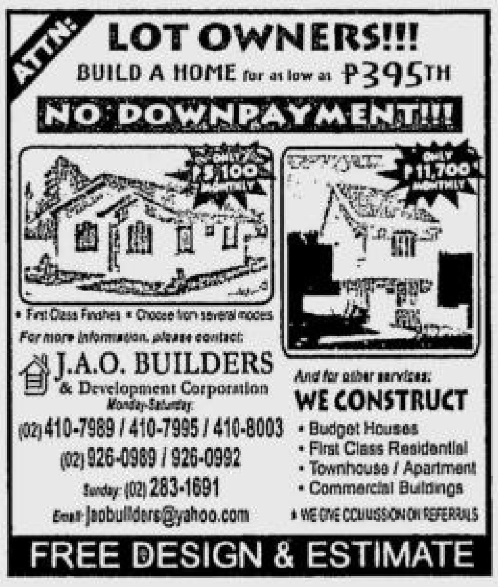

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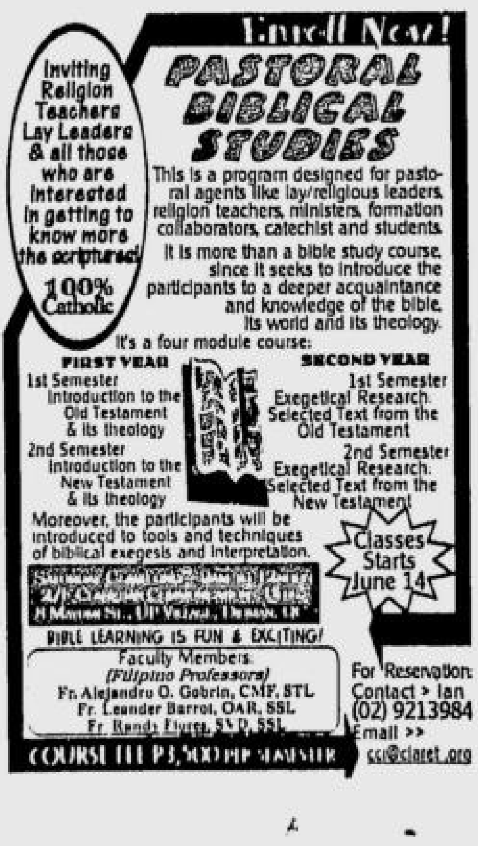
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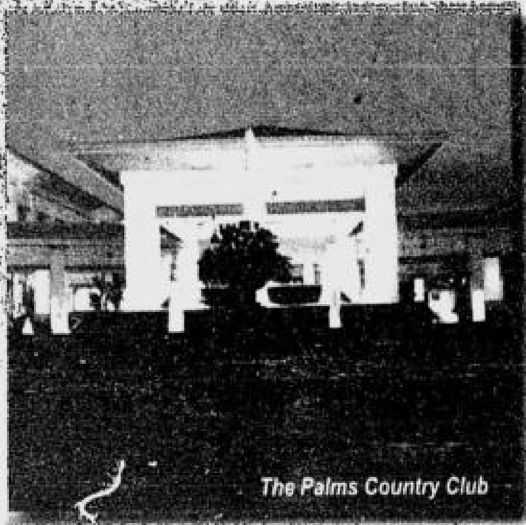
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Four more bodies from Manila Bay mishap wash ashore

By J. Aning and L. del Puerto

FOUR more bodies—all female—believed to be passengers of the ill-fated MV San Nicolas were recovered off Corregidor Island, Bataan and Cavite, the Philippine Coast Guard said yesterday.

Only one body was identified by relatives: that of Emelyn Edet, a resident of Dagat-Dagatan, Malabon City, who was still wearing a life jacket marked "San Nicolas." The body was recovered in the waters between Caballo Island and Corregidor.

PCG spokesperson Lt. Armand Balilo said there was a possibility the remains of other missing passengers could still be trapped inside the sunken ship now lying 480 feet under the sea about one nautical mile off Limbones Island in Manila Bay.

Some survivors of the sea mishap recalled seeing unconscious passengers still inside the San Nicolas when it sank.

Balilo said the PCG could not send divers to the wreck because it does not have the necessary high-tech equipment like mini-submarines and remote-controlled underwater cameras.

Meanwhile, the Board of Marine Inquiry suspended its hearing today after lawyers of the San Nicolas and Super Ferry 12 requested a "rest day."

The BMI had been given five days to finish its investigation. The hearings started last Friday and were supposed to be held through the weekend to meet the deadline imposed by Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza.

During the hearing last Friday, Super Ferry 12 Capt. Rene Rafanan testified that he did not hear the shipmate of the San Nicolas over the radio.

"If he had called, we would have heard it. The radio room is inside the bridge and there were four officers there including me," Rafanan told the BMI.

San Nicolas shipmate Ernesto Fampula had earlier been quoted in news reports as saying he radioed the Super Ferry at least three times when he noticed the bigger vessel on his radar screen two miles away.

Meralco to charge new rate beginning June

THE MANILA Electric Co. said Saturday it would implement starting on June 1 a rate increase of 8.76 centavos per kilowatt-hour.

The increase, approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission late on Friday, is expected to somehow alleviate Meralco's financial burden as it faces a court-ordered refund to customers of some P30 billion for years of overbilling.

The increase would only apply, however, to customers with a monthly consumption of 300 kilowatt hours and more.

"We are happy that we got an increase," Jesus Francisco, Meralco president, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

"We don't quite know yet the impact of the order on many things, like the impact on our cash flow, the impact on our rates . . . but it can only improve our financial position."

Francisco said the company would meet its creditors as soon as it had studied the ERC's 45-page decision allowing it to raise rates.

The firm said earlier it might default on interest payments on short-term debt this year without a price hike and with the massive refunds ordered by the Supreme Court in November.

Meralco had total outstanding debt of P32 billion as of end 2002.

Its debts, as well as the lack of a rate increase since 1994, pushed the firm to a loss of P325.1 million in the first quarter of this year, against a loss of P72.8 million in the year-ago period.

Standard & Poor's on Thursday lowered its foreign currency rating on Meralco to CCC from B-minus with a negative outlook, saying the firm may not meet its maturing debts this year.

Aside from the refund, the Supreme Court also ruled that Meralco should reduce its rates. But Francisco said this was unlikely to happen.

"We were afraid that we might have to roll back our rates by June . . . it's not supposed to happen anymore," he said.

The government, with a 25 percent share, is the single biggest shareholder in Meralco. A joint venture of First Philippine Holdings and Spanish power firm Union Fenosa owns the second biggest bloc of 22.86 percent. *Reuters*

Pinoy who worked for 'bin Laden' has problem

COTABATO CITY—Saudi Arabian authorities may cancel the working visa of a Filipino worker there who has been diagnosed with a serious kidney infection so he could come home for a transplant, the family of the expatriate said here over the weekend.

Ombra Sapi, 41, cannot be operated on in the Muslim kingdom because organ transplants are taboo under Islamic law, which heavily influence the Saudi medical code of ethics.

"Saudi immigration authorities may deport Sapi after Arab medical specialists recommended he have kidney transplant surgery," said Salama Sapi, the OFW's wife.

Aside from the problem of how to raise the money needed for a kidney transplant, Salama was also worried about how to explain to authorities the name "bin Laden" on some of her husband's documents.

Sapi, a native of Sultan sa Barongis, Maguindanao, had worked as a contractual laborer for the Saudi-bin Laden Group of Companies, the consortium that is partly owned by the family of internationally wanted terror suspect Osama bin Laden.

Sapi was a survey aide for the company's 180-kilometer expressway project in Madina. *Nash B. Maulana, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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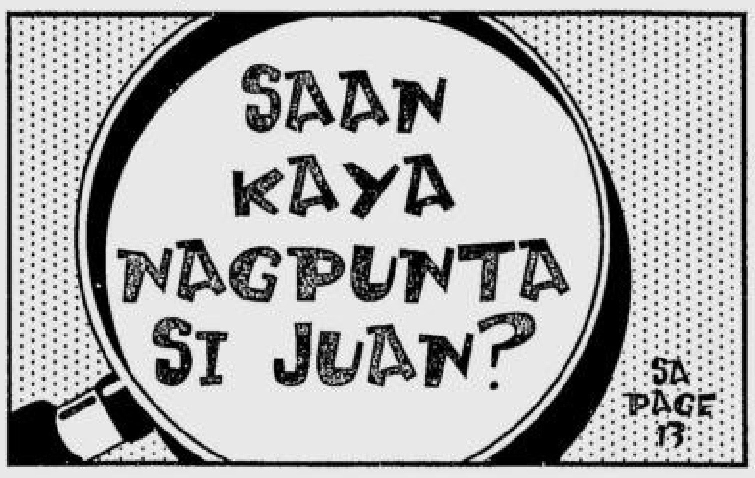
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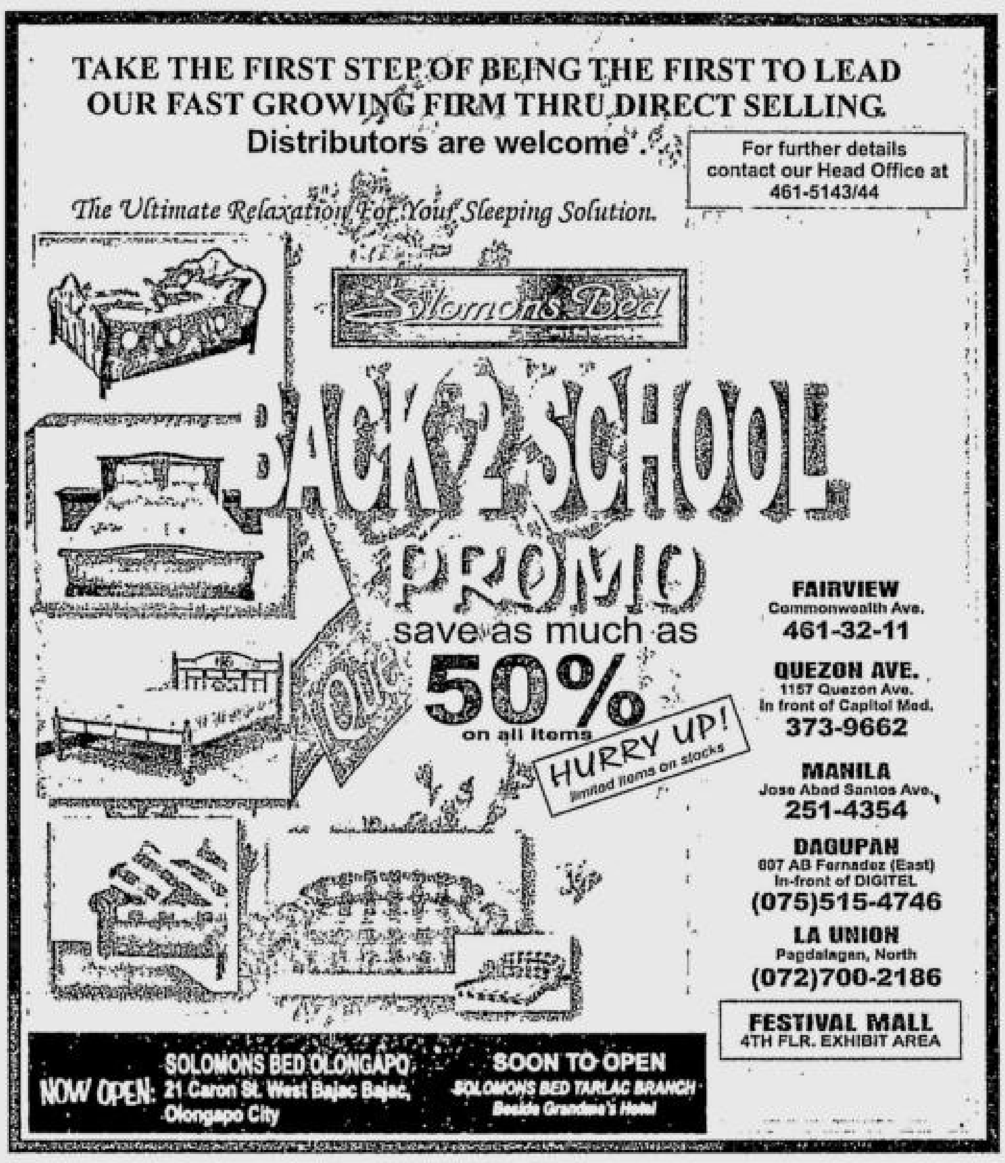

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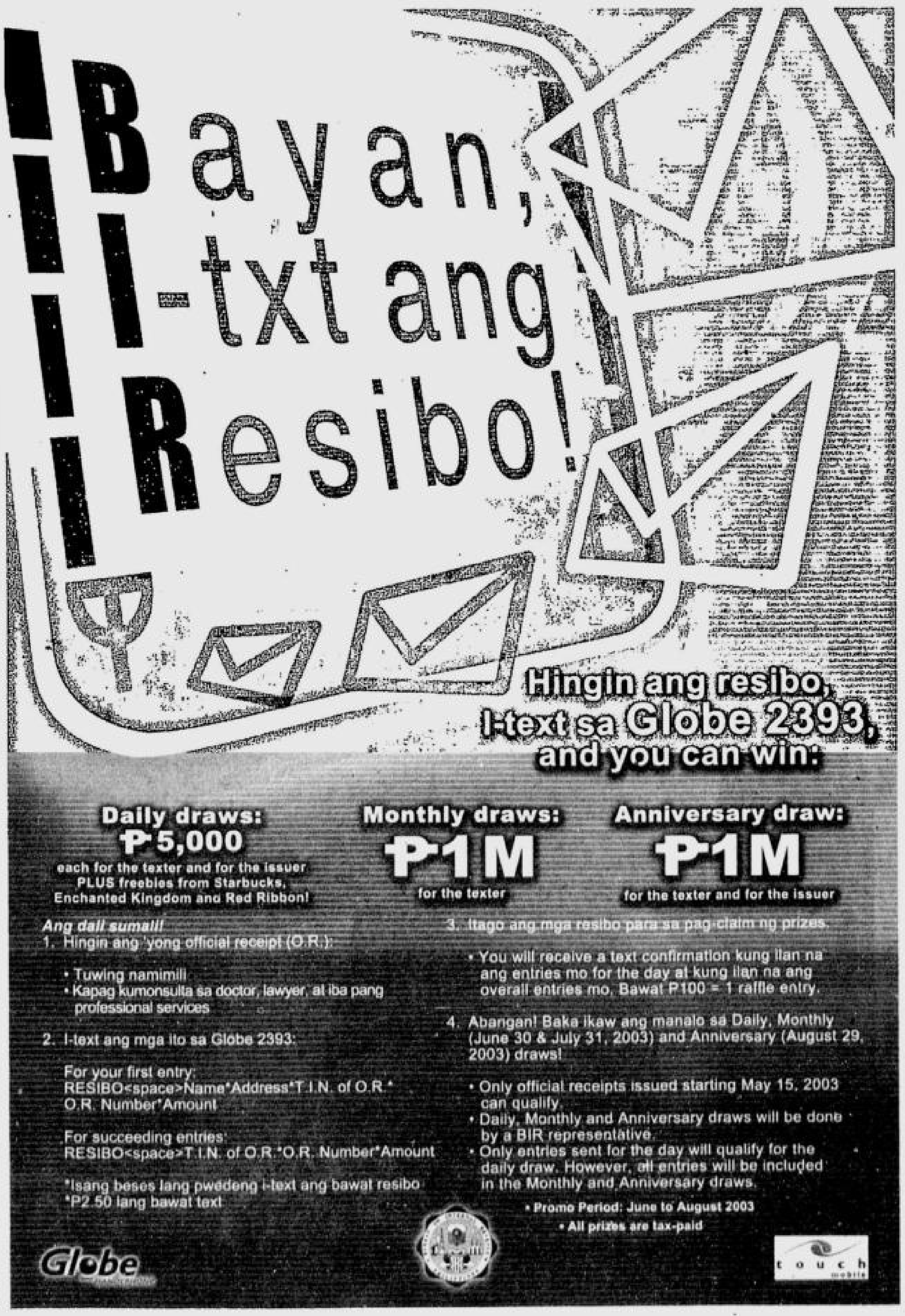
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Sixth Pinoy seaman dies in Florida

By Armand N. Nocum

A SIXTH Filipino crew member of the SS Norway, who was seriously injured when the cruise ship's boiler exploded last week in Florida, has died.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said seaman Ramon Villarais, 39, died on Friday before his sister could reach his bedside at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

"I received the information this morning, but I have no idea the exact time he died," Sto. Tomas told the INQUIRER over the telephone.

Villarais' death brings to seven the death toll from the boiler explosion, which hurled debris and a blast of steam through parts of the 41-year-old ship docked in the Port of Miami. None of the more than 2,100 passengers was hurt.

Entitlements

Sto. Tomas assured the families of the Filipino victims the Department of Labor and Employment was working for the speedy release of all government and international financial aid packages the seafarers were entitled to.

She said the initial "local" financial benefits were to be released to the relatives of the victims during the opening of the Philippine Seafarer's One-Stop Center (PSOC) at the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) office on Edsa yesterday.

Sto. Tomas said the package includes the Social Security System burial benefit of P20,000, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration insurance of P100,000 and burial benefit of P20,000.

She said the benefits from the seafarers' contributions to international shipping associations to be released yesterday included $15,000 per family and $16,000 per child under 15 years old.

Sto. Tomas said the CF Sharp group of companies, which had placed some of the dead seafarers, had told her it has offered to employ at least one member of each family that had lost someone in the accident.

Breadwinner

"This is to ensure that at least one member of the family will continue to be the breadwinner," she said.

Nine other crewmen from the Norwegian Cruise Line vessel remained in the hospital, one in critical condition, the company said.

Autopsies on the first six victims found that five were scalded to death by high-pressure steam, and one died of blunt trauma from the blast, the Miami-Dade County medical examiner's office said Thursday. It said Candido Valenzuela, 49, also suffered "thermal injuries."

The other victims were identified as Mari John Bautista, 29; Ramil Bernal, 26; Rene Villanueva, 28, and Ricardo Rosal, 50—all of the Philippines—and Winston Lewis, 53, of Jamaica. *With an AFP report*

Gov't to probe NY Times report on training camps

THE GOVERNMENT is investigating a report of terrorist training camps in Mindanao, but it did not have any evidence of any al-Qaida connection.

The New York Times said on Friday the southern Philippines had become the training center for the Jemaah Islamiah terrorist network, believed to be affiliated to the al-Qaida movement of wanted international terror suspect Osama bin Laden.

"We have no information on any al-Qaida or Jemaah Islamiah-connected training happening in (southern) Mindanao," National Security Adviser Rolio Golez told Reuters. "What we know about is training handled by the MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front)."

Golez said The New York Times article appeared to refer to the situation on the ground in Mindanao in 2000.

"But even then, it could not be confirmed if there were al-Qaida connections," he said.

Indonesians' admission

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes told Reuters on the sidelines of an Asian security conference in Singapore that Indonesians arrested for bomb plots in Manila had admitted to having trained in MILF camps.

Asked if such training still existed, Reyes said: "We are trying to validate that, but we have made arrests in the past and so we are continuing to track them."

Reyes said there were no longer any major MILF camps. He did not mention Jemaah Islamiah (JI), which has been accused of various terror plots in Southeast Asia.

A Philippine military intelligence report presented at an international conference last year, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, had linked several MILF guerrillas to Jemaah Islamiah.

The report described Southeast Asia as "a convenient base of terrorist operations, especially in predominantly Muslim portions of Indonesia, Malaysia, southern Thailand and southern Philippines," due to porous borders, lax immigration procedures and relatively weak intelligence and law enforcement. *Reuters*

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Military 'non-cooperation' hit in probe of Mindoro activists' deaths

By Philip Tubeza and Luige del Puerto

"IT HAS been 40 days since my wife was murdered. What is being done now? I want to know."

The husband of slain human rights activist Eden Marcellana yesterday posed this question to government authorities as he and the family of Eddie Gumanoy and their friends and supporters marked the 40th day of the double murder with a mass at the Chino Roces Bridge in Manila.

Marcellana and Gumanoy were on a fact-finding mission regarding alleged military abuses in Oriental Mindoro when they were taken at gunpoint and killed on April 21.

"I am losing trust in the task force created to investigate the death of my wife and Gumanoy," Orly Marcellana, Eden's widower, told the INQUIRER.

"I hope President Arroyo can hear me. I want action from her. It has been 40 days now and no one has been charged," he said.

Uncooperative

The head of the task force assigned by the President to look into the killings said the military unit linked to the brutal murders was not fully cooperating with the investigation.

"I have not seen full cooperation (from) the 204th Infantry Brigade," Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida said last Friday.

Calida said Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes has issued a memo for the Armed Forces of the Philippines to cooperate with the investigation but it apparently is not being followed by the brigade's officers.

Wrong picture

A source at the justice department meanwhile, said there was apparently an "effort to mislead" investigators when the military gave them the wrong picture of one of the suspects in the case.

The source said the picture, which had come from the AFP's Adjutant General's Office, was that of Col. Juanito Gomez, the current chief of the 204th Infantry Brigade, and not that of suspect M/Sgt. Donald Caigas, the 204th IB's intelligence chief.

The 204th IB is at the center of the murder investigation. Its former commander, Col. Jovito Palparan, was replaced after militant groups linked him to the killings.

His replacement, Gomez, is now in hot water after his driver allegedly helped Caigas escape when task force members tried to interview him during a visit to Mindoro on May 8.

Caigas allegedly went AWOL but reportedly surfaced at Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio last week.

Caigas did not attend the DOJ hearing on the case two weeks ago.

Calida said Caigas and T/Sgt. Alex Corres and Sgt. Esperidion Martizano have been invited to take a lie detector test at the National Bureau of Investigation headquarters tomorrow.

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Power crisis looms in Visayas, warns energy chief

By Michael Lim Ubac

ENERGY Secretary Vincent S. Perez warned Friday of a crippling energy crisis in the Visayas beginning December through the 2004 national elections, and beyond.

The massive power failure could affect the elections as the crisis could last until after May, when next year's polls will be held, according to Perez.

Perez urged members of the joint congressional power commission meeting Friday at the Hotel Intercontinental in Makati City to have Congress address the issue before it is too late.

"It's a serious problem that certainly we don't want to erupt during an election year," Perez said.

Expected to be severely hit by the power crisis is Panay Island, which is located in Western Visayas.

The Visayas is composed of three regions—Western (Panay and Negros Occidental), Central (Cebu, Bohol and Negros Oriental), and Eastern (Samar and Leyte).

The three regions have a combined voting population of 5.9 million, which is about 16 percent of the total number of registered voters in the country, which is 36,521,799.

Perez said the Department of Energy has created an "emergency" task force to bring private energy companies to Panay to "address this (energy) shortfall."

Sen. Joker Arroyo, vice chair of the commission, made light of Perez's dire prediction, however, saying: "Why, is the President running?"

This elicited chuckles from the commission's solon-members—Senators Sergio Osmeña III and Robert Jaworski, and Representatives Alipio Badelles, Rodolfo Albano, Augusto Baculio, Faysah RPM Dumarpa, Constantino Jaraula and Ruy Ellas Lopez.

Perez told the meeting there would be a power shortfall by December this year because the Leyte power grid could no longer meet the increasing electricity needs of the Visayas regions.

"Panay is at the far end of the Leyte grid," he said.

But, the energy chief said the "very serious concern in the Visayas" could be addressed by a pending bill in the House, which aims to "promote wind, ocean, solar and bio-gas" energy as alternative sources of electricity."

He asked Jaworski to sponsor a similar bill in the Senate.

Perez said the Visayas grid that supplies power to Panay through Negros only produces 60 megawatts of electricity.

"It is just inefficient," he said. "We really need to address the situation."

He said the task force he created will look for foreign power companies to invest in the Visayas.

"There are indications that [foreign] power companies may invest but they need to sign a bilateral contract with electric coops," he said.

The legislators, however, chided Perez for the "failure" of his department, along with the National Electrification Administration, to provide electricity to far-flung areas in the countryside.

Badelles, who presided over the meeting, told Perez five barangays in Iligan City were not "yet energized."

Dumarpa told Perez at least seven towns in Agusan del Sur still suffered the same plight.

"But be sure, Mr. Secretary, (that it happens) before the elections?" said Badelles, meaning his deadline for bringing in electricity.

"Yes," answered Perez. "Loud and clear."

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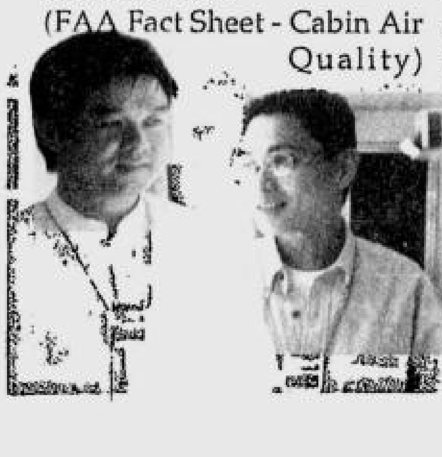

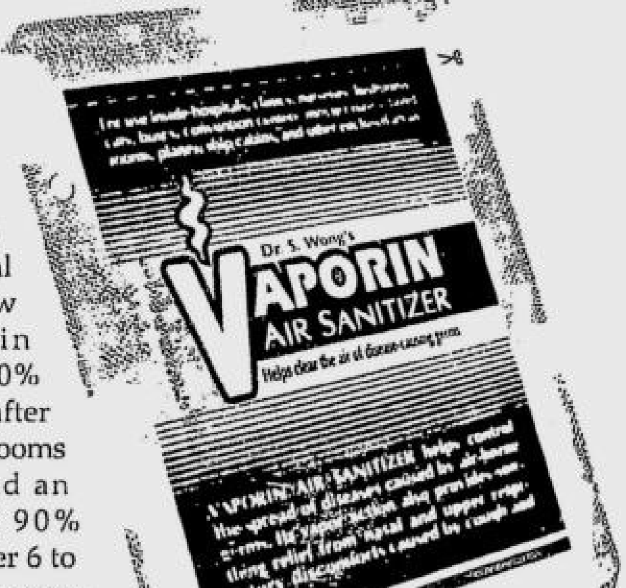

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The favorite pastime

EDITORIAL

FRIDAY'S game between retired players of fabled rivals Toyota and Crispa, part of the Philippine Basketball Association's All-Stars festival, was an engaging exercise in nostalgia. It was also just the right public relations boost the embattled league needed. It reminded many why the PBA, now mired in a drug-testing scandal, deserves a new lease on life.

In many ways, the storied rivalry made the PBA what it is today. Now is not the time to wonder whether the birth of the first professional basketball league in Asia ended the country's days as a basketball power in the region, or merely hastened it. Or whether the PBA has served the country well by turning into a breeding ground for city councilors, vice mayors and senators. The simple fact is, years before the National Basketball Association in the United States popularized the phrase, Filipinos have loved this game. And for many years, that deep affection was watered and tended and cultivated by the famous, now almost mythic competition between Toyota and Crispa.

Last Friday, that sense of competition, and the pride the players took in it, was evident for all to see. The game even wound up in classic PBA fashion: down to the wire, ending with an elegant assist and a crowd-pleasing three-pointer.

We do not mean to suggest that taking a stroll or doing a pick-and-roll down memory lane will make both the public and the league forget its drug-related troubles, or that the PBA did not endure similar crises in the past. (Violence on the court and allegations of game fixing come readily to mind.) We only mean to point to what makes the failed drug tests such a scandal.

Since February, a total of 10 PBA players have failed random drug tests. This is less than 5 percent of the total number of professional basketball players, and several of the 10 caught have offered alternative explanations for the traces of drugs in their urine samples. But the possibility that there are more players with drug-using habits is real. And the impact on the public of the three-month-old scandal, which already involves some of the most popular players in the league, cannot be gainsaid.

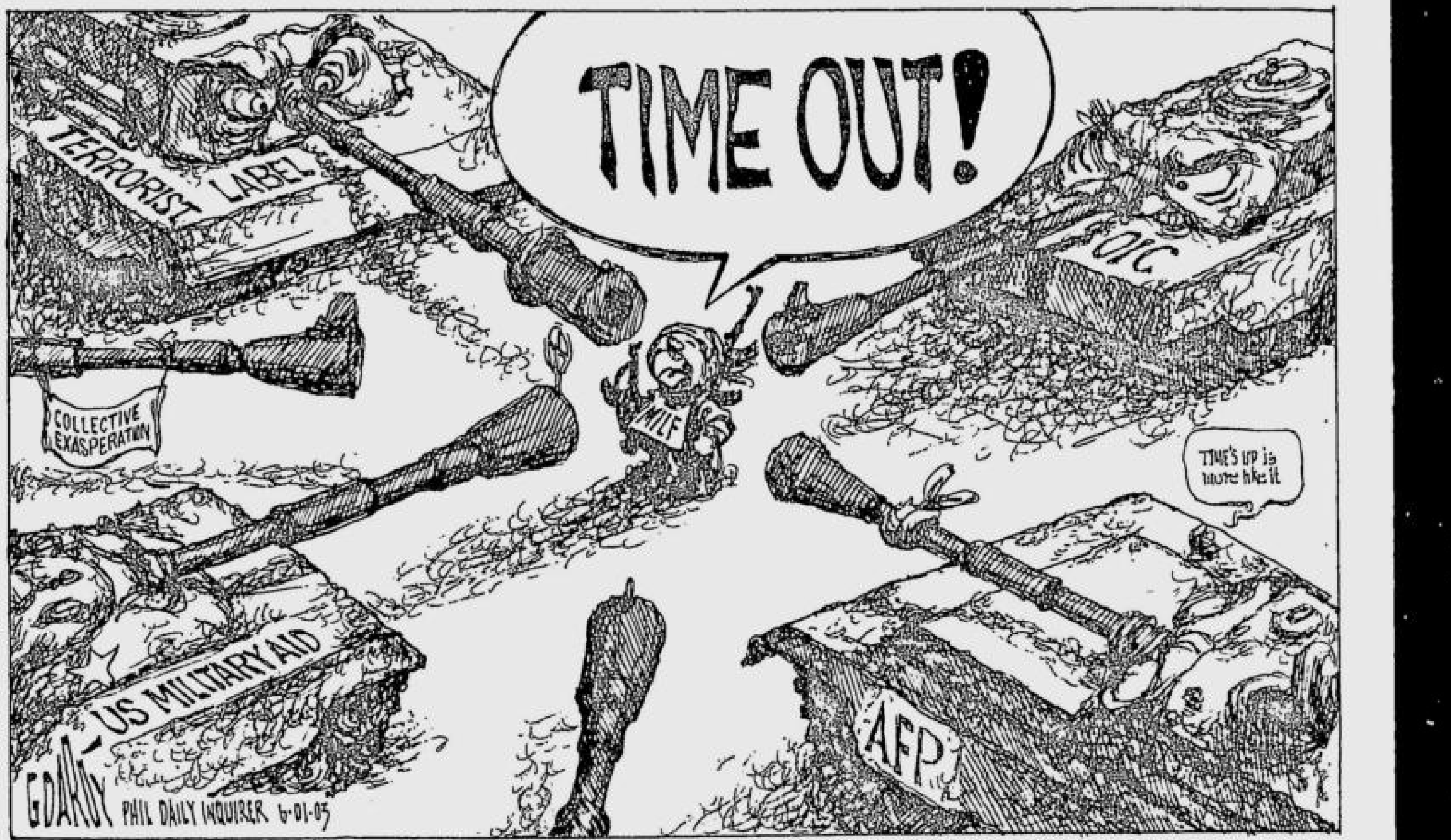
The issue comes on the heels of another scandal, the use of fake Filipino-American players. In fact, the Senate hearings on the so-called Fil-Sham issue has turned into the beginnings of a probe into the failed drug tests. Both scandals come early in the tenure of the new PBA commissioner, lawyer and on-air commentator Noli Eala, whose own appointment was not without controversy. Inevitably, these off-court goings-on have diverted attention from the game—until Friday night.

Of course, one no-bearing game featuring retired players won't change the playing culture in the league overnight. Much remains to be done. It is worth noting, however, that the most important item in Eala's to-do list can already be checked off.

He has gotten tough on the erring players. That is the only way to protect the game, because at stake is nothing less than the viability of the league. Fans follow the game because it offers an inexpensive thrill, a reliable storyline, but corporations fund it—by sponsoring a team, by placing an ad on TV—because it offers role models for fans to look up to and identify with. Because the league is organized by commercial teams, every PBA player is a product endorser almost by definition. He is an athlete, there is no mistaking that, and he will be judged by the standards athletes are measured by. (Hurdling these standards is how the loyalty of a fan is won.) But the reality is every player is also a brand-carrier. If enough of them forget that, they will bring the league itself into disrepute.

Erring players will also divert attention from the game itself, the main reason why millions of Filipinos continue to keep faith with the PBA.

Eala's tough measures on drug testing and on those who fail the tests (including long-term, no-salary suspensions) help a loyal public keep its eye on the ball.



Welcome to June

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

IT is now June 1, the beginning of the month of weddings and the opening of the new school year. On this day many years ago, when our children were still studying and not yet married, we celebrated this passage as Farewell to Summer.

My wife Sally would prepare a sumptuous lunch for the children, five growing boys with healthy appetites and our only daughter Candy, who was still a little girl. Before them were all the steaks they could eat with salads and hot savory soup plus dessert of *leche flan* and fruits. That gluttony never ended until everyone was full and ready to burst with food and joy and repeated thanks for their Mom's wonderful cooking.

Sally always adjusted the budget for those extraordinary repasts because she knew the children would in the coming months have to make do with school canteen fare that would neither be good enough nor plenty enough. From grade school to high school, she personally brought them hot lunches, but this had to end when they all entered college at far-off UP in Diliman from our house in Parañaque.

The *vacacion grande* had ended and all the fun that went with it. Three of my boys—Claro and Celso and Gani—had for several years held summer jobs as waiters in a resort hotel in Laguna where they earned the reputation among the local hire as city boys *"na marunong makisama."* My eldest son Cesar went courting, and Caloy was smitten by Maybelle when they met at the beach house in Matabungkay that we borrowed from Doy and Celia Laurel. Candy enjoyed taking care of our first grandson, Powee, who was to drown later when he was only 4.

Those were cheerful halcyon days for the children and left lasting impressions many of which they still enjoy wistfully. One of those happy memories was the wedding of Caloy and Maybelle not long after their romantic meeting during our excursion to Batangas. Pity that she passed away two years ago from cancer before they could celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary this month. Gani learned to drive during one of those vacations after Claro nagged me to let the boy (still) handle the wheel all the way home from the Laguna hotel. Celso visited that hotel years later, when he was already a lawyer, and was welcomed by his old friends like a justice of the Supreme Court.

I myself relish remembrances of those summer vacations because they gave the boys the best opportunity to bond with each other without the anxieties of homework and recitations and final grades. They had their respective friends at Lourdes School and UP but were particularly close to each other and to their only sister, who was much younger than they, during those summer vacations. They still are. Even if already married with their separate families, they still find the time to get together so often, at lunch or dinner, just for the fun of it. They talk about everything from soup to nuts, including the politicians.

Last week, I received an interesting offer from a big firm to handle a rather sensitive work for it. Two board members flew to Cebu, where I was handling a bar review in Political Law for the UP Law Center, explained the task to me, hoped I would accept, and returned to Manila the same day. Back home, I called my children to a sort of family council and asked their individual opinions on the subject. To my delight, each one of them opposed; not a single one considered the expected monetary rewards, which I also did not mention. Everyone said I should enjoy my retirement instead of burdening myself with more work I did not need, after all. My wife and I were much pleased with their decision and felt we had raised our children well.

As in that cherished past, we still hold our usual Farewell to Summer, but not with the same anticipation as before and, especially, not the same appetite. I remember those younger years when our growing children cleaned up everything on the table, whether at home or in the Chinese restaurants at T. Pinpin, Manila, where we were *suki*. (A hefty meal then cost only about P30, would you believe?) Now, when the family gets together for similar meals, the food is never consumed entirely as before; there is always something left over as a symptom of our advancing age and declining hunger.

Moreover, the farewell is no longer for us adults (our children who have passed the rigor and joys of schooling and their parents who have graduated from paying their tuition fees and miscellaneous expenses for their educations). Now the farewell is for our children's children, our own grandchildren. Trisha is in college, Claudio in high school, Packy in Grade 7, Cara in Grade 3, and Bala in Grade 1. Their respective parents have still a long way to go before they can enjoy the satisfaction Sally and I feel over the academic degrees of our six children.

And so it's Farewell to Summer and Welcome to June! And "June is bursting out all over," with hopes for better days, cooler nights and refreshing rains that will bring ripples instead of waves and breezes, not winds.

What weighs you down?

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

LATE one evening, while preparing for my comprehensive exams in Theology, I saw a *gamu-gamo* (winged ant) crawling on my table. I observed how it crawled. Whenever it would reach the edge of the table, it would stop, move backwards and go in another direction, until it reached the end of the table again.

The *gamu-gamo* did the same thing, twice, thrice. However, on the fourth time, it did something different. It spread its wings and flew. It was free, finally!

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The Ascension was when the Risen Lord was lifted up from the earth to be seated at the right hand of the Father. With the Ascension, the Risen Lord completed His earthly mission.

His final mandate was clear: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." We are to continue His mission. But His assurance is also clear: "I am with you, always."

His mandate and His assurance should also set us free.

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Jesus teaches us to ascend, to rise above our personal agenda to carry out His mandate. Many a "disciple" does not and cannot carry out His mission because he is weighed down by his/her burdens in life. In fact, many of us often set aside or completely forget our real mission in this life because we are so focused on our own personal agenda.

Is His vision your vision? Is His mission your mission? Is His horizon, your horizon? Is He in the picture at all? Or is it just one me, me all the way?

Move over. Make room for your Lord and you will be free.

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As long as a person is focused on himself/herself, the Evil One is happy. His proven strategy is to keep a person focused on his/her earthly blessings. That is why some people cannot look beyond their money, power and creature comforts.

Do you find yourself looking at the mirror so many times in a day? Do you find yourself so caught up in your financial plans and investments? Do you find yourself hopping from one earthly pleasure to another? Are you so sensitive to what people are saying about you? Watch out. You are too focused on yourself, and the Evil One is very happy about you.

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The Evil One is equally happy when a person stays focused on his/her woes and miseries. And so it is that some people spend their whole lifetime focused on their problems and burdens. They have blessings, but they tend to belittle or all together forget these in view of their tenacious attachment to their burdens in the past, in the present and in the future. They always have that "distant look," sorting out some things in their minds and not quite aware of the realities around them.

Do you find yourself replaying and rewinding your life in the regrets lane? Do you find yourself going fast forward into the worry lane? Careful. The Evil One is jubilant because while you are it, you are unaware of the bigger burdens of people around you. In this self-engrossed mode that borders on self-pity, you hardly hear the Lord who is calling you to His mission.

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What weighs you down is not how much you weigh, but what you weigh, i.e., what you consider as important in life. A person can be laden with real problems in life but he/she can refuse to be burdened by them. He/She can rise above these and still live a joyful and fruitful life. In other words, the choice is ours to make: to be happy or sad; to be trusting or to be worried; to build or to destroy; to be forgiving or to be angry; to be gentle or to be violent; to be better or to be bitter; to love or to hate. This is the challenge of the Ascension: to crawl with our burdens, or to rise above our burdens, and get going with His mission.

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"Do you know why angels can fly? It is because they have wings, and they carry no burdens."

This beautiful text message reminds us that we too can fly. A person who has the wings of prayer and the wings of hard work plus the determination to rise above his/her burdens can really and truly fly.

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The way we pray can affect the way we live. If you pray gratefully, you will live gratefully. If you pray bitterly, you will live bitterly. If you pray miserably, you will live miserably.

Many times we do not really listen to God in prayer because we keep repeating to Him our miseries, our problems, our failures. Why not set aside a day or a prayer time when you will not mention your problems to God? Why not set aside a prayer time when all you do is just thank God? Just be grateful, and soon you'll see that, in fact, you have many things to be grateful for. Problems and miseries will always be there, but is that all you tell Him every time you to talk to Him? Do you not also have nice things to tell Him? Why not try praying happily and gratefully some time? Try it. It works, and it works good on you.

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For those who insist on carrying so many excess baggage as they travel through life, remember that all of us will have to make it through the long haul till we reach our final destination, heaven. There, the Lord will ask: "What is it that you have been carrying in your bag all these years, my child? Lots of love or lots of trash?"

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to dispose of my trash and burdens so that I can carry lots of love. Amen.

From NPA guerrilla to AFP general

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

ON DEC. 29, 1970, a young Philippine Constabulary lieutenant trained in Airborne and Special Forces operations, shocked the nation by leading a small band of NPA guerrillas in a daring early evening raid on the Philippine Military Academy armory in Fort del Pilar, Baguio City.

Just three years earlier, Victor N. Corpuz graduated from the Philippine Military Academy where he excelled in military science and sports.

Corpuz was the eldest of four children of an army doctor who was stationed in various posts around the country. Born in San Pablo City, Laguna, he finished elementary and high school at De La Salle College in Manila. For a while, he thought of entering a religious seminary and eventually joining the priesthood. But since his father as well as a number of relatives were in the military service, he decided to compete for a slot at the PMA. If he failed to make it, the seminary would be a fallback position.

Corpuz was accepted at the Academy and as a cadet, he soon found himself engrossed in serious discussions on Philippine history and comparative government. Two professors at the PMA were involved in these discussions and greatly influenced his attitude toward the status quo. Cesar Pobre and Dante Simbulan, both graduates of PMA Class of 1952, took turns in gradually leading him to reexamine many of his long-held beliefs regarding Philippine history and society in particular. At times, these views were in contrast to what had been impressed on him by his La Sallite mentors.

After graduation, Corpuz first joined the Philippine Army but after a while, he transferred to the Constabulary. It was here, during the political heyday of the Crisologo clan in Ilocos Sur that Corpuz was first exposed to the machinations of traditional politicians.

After the burning of two barrios in the province suspected of harboring anti-Crisologo elements, Corpuz was tasked to investigate the case and bring vital witnesses to Manila for protection. This made him suspect in the eyes of the Crisologos and at one point, he was even accused of being a part of a plot to assassinate the governor himself.

Gov. Floro Crisologo was assassinated by a lone gunman who shot him from behind as he was kneeling in prayer at the Vigan Cathedral.

Lt. Victor Corpuz was reassigned back to the Academy as an instructor in comparative government. He was never part of an assassination plot but in the atmosphere which followed the violent death of a powerful overlord, perhaps it was time for him to move on.

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After the raid on the armory, Corpuz was brought to the jungle camp of Commander Dante (Bernabe Buscayno), then the commander in chief of the New People's Army. The camp was located deep in the Isabela portion of the Sierra Madre Mountains and for the next five years, he lived with the guerrillas always on the move. Using the military skills developed at the Academy, he helped build up and train the NPA into an efficient fighting force.

But as he saw firsthand how the communist party conducted itself, its unequal dispensation of justice and wide discrepancy in the conditions of NPA fighting men in the field as compared to party officials in the metropolis, disillusionment set in. In January 1976, he contacted a PMA classmate and was taken into military custody. Did he surrender or was he captured? I am inclined to believe that it was Corpuz himself who decided that he had had enough.

For more than a decade he remained under confinement at Fort Bonifacio. He was released after the Edsa Revolution along with other detained party members on orders of President Cory Aquino. And a few months later was reinstated in the Armed Forces with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Following assignment at various positions in the AFP notably at J-3 (Operations) where he helped formulate strategy against the insurgents, he was sent to Harvard for graduate studies and in January 2001, he was designated chief, Intelligence Service, AFP (ISAFP).

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Last month, Victor Corpuz was promoted to the rank of brigadier general, completing one of the most astounding turnarounds in the career of any military officer. Starting out as a lieutenant in the Army/Constabulary, he became an NPA commander fighting his former comrades. This was followed by a long period under detention and subsequent reinstatement in the AFP, holding down one of the most sensitive posts in the organization.

Like most controversial personalities, Corpuz has his share of detractors as well as admirers in and out of the military service and as such, he probably faces an uphill battle for confirmation by the Commission on Appointments. There are valid questions as to his performance as chief spymaster of the AFP given the alleged failure of intelligence in a number of incidents in the south and he is going to be roasted by the commission on these and other issues.

I do not know Corpuz very well. I have met him only once. But I have spoken with people whose views I respect, and there is a common thread which runs through all their impressions of the man. He is a person of integrity and conviction, an individual with a sense of decency and whose heart has always been in the right place.

Corpuz has done things which most men only dream of doing or perhaps, are afraid to do. He had the courage to challenge the status quo when it was safer and easier to stay within the system and his loyalty was always to principles rather than to individuals.

Win or lose at the Commission on Appointments, he has carved for himself a place of honor and respect in the eyes of our people.

Afghan liberals struggle to find their voice

FEATURE

Simon Denyer

HERAT, Afghanistan—Eighteeen months after the fall of the Taliban, Haji Rafiq Shahir is still a rarity in Afghanistan: a man prepared to stand up and say it is wrong for women to have to wear the all-enveloping burqa.

"It is like putting someone in a cage, saying they are guilty," Shahir told Reuters in the western city of Herat. "The government here defends the practice, gives it a religious aspect, but it is a nonsense tradition, it is not even Islamic."

Shahir is the head of a Herat shura, or council for independent professionals, and a leading spokesperson for Afghanistan's liberal middle class which is only now finding its voice after two decades of war and rule by communists and fundamentalists.

The Taliban are long gone, but the vast majority of Afghan women still wear the burqa—even in Herat with its long liberal tradition and reputation for fine arts and culture.

Shahir and his colleagues find themselves increasingly at odds with Herat's conservative governor Ismail Khan, a veteran of the 1980s struggle against Soviet rule who, like so many warlords, maneuvered himself back into power after the Taliban's demise.

Last year Shahir was elected to attend a Loya Jirga, or Grand Council, designed to decide on Afghanistan's post-Taliban future. But his campaign for more open, accountable government saw him thrown in jail and beaten for two days and nights.

His colleagues tell similar stories as they struggle for greater openness in government, and for women's rights.

Leading eye doctor Raufa Niazi held a meeting for 120 female members of the shura in January to discuss women's issues.

The following day her private office was searched, locked and put under armed guard, her private practice effectively closed for two months. Fighting her case with Khan, and appealing to authorities in Kabul, only brought more armed men to her house, and four hours of interrogation.

"Now is the time for democracy and modernization in Afghanistan," she said. "But here in Herat there is a Taliban-like lack of democracy. If anyone tries to make any step toward democracy they are denounced."

Khan and his representatives declined to comment on the incidents.

Khan, a stocky man with a bushy white beard, styles himself as the Emir of Herat, and runs the province like an old-fashioned tribal chieftain. Decisions are often only made after a personal audience with the emir, and criticism is scarcely brooked.

Khan was undoubtedly welcomed back by many Heratis after the Taliban were chased away. His coffers well stocked with customs revenue from the border trade with Iran, he has repaired roads and turned Herat into a green oasis of tree-lined streets and watered parks in the midst of the desert. He has also brought a measure of security to the province, which must be the envy of much of the country.

But these days opposition to Khan's tightly managed rule is easy to find on the streets of Herat. Students complain money is spent on parks glorifying the governor rather than university buildings, the professionals' shura complains of money wasted on a costly, little-needed conference center, shopkeepers complain of police harassment.

With elections due in mid-2004, the United Nations says freedom of expression is a big concern in Herat, as it is in many other parts of Afghanistan where gunmen still rule.

In March a journalist for Radio Free Afghanistan was beaten and briefly jailed for asking questions about human rights—at the opening of a regional office for the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission.

"This kind of incident sends a signal to the population at large," said one UN official. "People must feel there are forums for debate."

The UN also cites cases of arbitrary detention, extortion and torture, common in many parts of Afghanistan where soldiers remained unpaid for months at a time.

Of particular concern in Herat is abuse of women's rights.

Last year, New York-based Human Rights Watch reported that authorities were submitting many women to forced chastity tests.

Dr. Mohammad Farid, a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, says the practice is continuing, but less publicly since the report was issued, and less frequently.

One teenage girl was brought to him after being seen in the bazaar with her cousin. Even though they intended to get married, and had her mother's permission to go out together, he was thrown in jail and she was brought for a chastity test.

"She was in tears," he recalled. "Psychologically this is very traumatic, especially because she came from a well-known family." Farid refuses to cooperate with the tests, and says most doctors share his views. But in Herat, liberals like Farid are still making little headway. *Reuters*

A non-productive detour

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

LAWYER Alan F. Paguia argues that the justices of the Supreme Court made a mistake on Jan. 20, 2003 when they permitted Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to succeed to the presidency. There was no vacancy in the presidency, he insists, because the incumbent president, Joseph Ejercito Estrada, never resigned. The Supreme Court abused its authority. Estrada remains the president of the Philippines, Paguia maintains, and, as such, he cannot be sued.

Offered this compelling script, Erap has hired Paguia as his lawyer. Instead of presenting evidence to refute the plunder charges at the Sandiganbayan, Estrada is questioning the jurisdiction of the court over him. "I'm still president of the republic," he told the court at his last appearance, parroting the line of immunity from suit.

I don't think it takes a lawyer to know what is going to happen next. The Sandiganbayan will throw out Estrada's petition and will assert its jurisdiction. It will rule that Estrada can be prosecuted like anyone else because he is no longer president. It will remind the petitioner that the Supreme Court in previous petitions filed by Estrada himself has repeatedly affirmed the legality of Ms Macapagal's succession to the presidency.

Paguia will, of course, question the Sandiganbayan's views. But to which higher court will he then appeal the ruling? The Supreme Court will simply tell him, perhaps patiently or with some annoyance, that the issue he is bringing before it has been previously resolved. The Supreme Court will say again and again that, in its judgment, Estrada resigned. The Supreme Court might remind him also that even if his client were still president, he could still be charged because "the unlawful acts of public officials are not acts of the State, and the officer who acts illegally is not acting as such but stands in the same footing as any other trespasser."

Paguia's path is obviously a dead-end for his client. It may buy the former president a little time, but this won't be enough to derail the proceedings at the Sandiganbayan till the election of a new president in 2004. Estrada has no choice but to defend himself; it is his turn to refute the evidence. For this he would need skillful and experienced lawyers, not political scriptwriters with large imaginations.

The only face-saving way out of this cul de sac is to file an impeachment complaint against the justices of the Supreme Court who, Paguia says, abused their authority and violated the law when they appeared at the Edsa Shrine to witness the oath taking of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. At the very least, he argues, these justices should have inhibited themselves from hearing and ruling on the petitions which they, by their past actions, had already prejudged. In fact, to preserve the integrity of the proceedings, rather than as an admission of partiality, Chief Justice Hilario Davide and Associate Justice Artemio Panganiban did inhibit themselves from the case.

By our system of laws, all impeachment cases must originate from the House of Representatives. How Congress will treat such a complaint is an open question. Perhaps only a few of the present members of the house will remember that then Speaker Emmanuel Fuentebella was also present at the Edsa Shrine swearing-in, and that three days after the event, the House passed Resolutions 175 and 176 supporting the new President's assumption of office. Those among the incumbent members of the Lower House who openly took sides in these and subsequent events should, as a matter of propriety, also recuse themselves if an impeachment complaint against the Supreme Court justices were filed.

The same imperative, of course, also applies to the Senate. Certainly, it will be argued that impeachment is both a political and a judicial exercise, and that therefore neutrality is not demanded of the members of Congress.

Here, I guess, lies precisely the crux of this unfolding script. As a young nation, we have indeed been struggling to establish a rule of law in our land. A society's constitution is the foundation of such a rule of law. And yet our recent past is littered with numerous extra-constitutional events either instigated by our elected presidents or triggered by the spontaneous movement of our people. Does this mean we are fated to be governed by unstable and illegal regimes? I don't think so.

These events belong to the realm of the political. Though falling short of what is regarded as revolutionary, they do supersede the strictly legal. This would not be so jarring if we thought of law as frozen politics. Marcos' martial-law regime, even though it tried to project itself as a constitutional authoritarianism, was of this nature. So was the government of President Aquino, under its so-called "Freedom Constitution." Edsa II, though far less radical in its intent and effects than martial law or Edsa I, also belongs to this class of political events. All such upheavals produce their own specific ways of legalizing the governments to which they give rise.

The question of a regime's legality only persists when its political base has been considerably eroded. Then its enemies start to sharpen their knives and test their strength. The Macapagal government may not be as popular as it was in 2001, but I do not see it not finishing its term. The present political alignments are simply not conducive to another constitutional crisis. It will be better for Erap to hire the best lawyers and face his cases at the Sandiganbayan, while he mobilizes what remains of his constituency to support a friendly candidate for the 2004 presidential elections.

Siocon raid exposed MILF's weakness

COMMENTARY

Carlos H. Conde

IF there is one thing the raid on Siocon by the More Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) showed, it is that the 25-year-old front is still far away from achieving something that it needs as a genuine revolutionary movement: discipline and political sensitivity.

According to the military (and let us not forget that practically every news about Siocon came from the military), the attack resulted in the deaths of 34 people, many of them civilians. What was remarkable in the aftermath of the raid was that the MILF leadership immediately acknowledged that, indeed, it was their forces that raided the Zamboanga del Norte town.

Forget that the MILF considered the civilian deaths in Siocon as "collateral damage." That may seem insensitive on the part of the MILF, but to be frank about it, the Moro people have suffered more "collateral damage" in this war. And we didn't hear Malacañang raise its voice in righteous indignation when, for example, Moro civilians were victimized by the war in Pikit. Neither did it warn Mayor Rodrigo Duterte about the series of abductions of Moro leaders in Davao City.

The MILF's admission was a departure from the outright denials it usually makes every time the military accuses it of some atrocity. (Of course, the reason for this is that either the MILF's control over its men on the ground was loose or the military's allegations were simply not true, considering that there are many other groups in Mindanao—the Armed Forces included—that are capable of committing the most deplorable violence.) The front is starting to show some maturity by not hesitating to take responsibility for its actions.

But in spite of its long experience as a revolutionary movement and the experiences of past Moro groups like the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) or even the communist New People's Army, the MILF has a long way to go in proving that it deserves the respect of everyone. For one, as the behavior of its men showed in Siocon, its forces lack discipline and the political sophistication to see what their action might do to their cause.

This could be the result of an organization malaise that has been plaguing it for years: the MILF has gotten so big that it has become unwieldy. Imagine this: a force of an estimated 25,000 members running loose in the countryside of Mindanao.

The government's all-out in war in 2000, as well as the latest offensive starting with the assault on the Buliok complex, dispersed this force and the front has since found it extremely difficult to run its huge and widespread organization. This could have been the reason why the MILF leadership, by its spokesperson's own admission, gave its commanders "autonomy" in running their own affairs.

The immensity of the MILF stems from the nature of its struggle, in which a whole people want liberation from the state. Its ideology, albeit grounded in religion, finds resonance among most Moros in Mindanao who have been at the losing end on account of state policies for decades now. This explains why it didn't take long for the MILF to grow since it defected from the MNLF in 1978.

A movement this big, therefore, should make discipline its primary concern. Indeed, the MILF has existing programs that outline its goals and objectives and how to achieve these. But precisely because its mass base is not only huge but dispersed, the lack or absence of strict revolutionary discipline is a problem.

If it had been otherwise, the raid in Siocon would not have resulted in so many civilian deaths. We learned, for instance, that the target of the raid was the military command outpost in the town. A well-planned raid undertaken by a disciplined force would have accomplished that mission with very little bloodshed, as we have seen from NPA raids that were largely successful but bloodless.

The problem in Siocon was that, because the MILF's forces were not as disciplined as the NPA, some Moros in the town, including a tricycle operator, joined in the sacking of the town. For all we know, these people were members of the MILF but the fact that the raid apparently turned into a free-for-all—at least as can be gleaned from official reports and, to some extent, the MILF leadership's admission—indicates a serious breakdown in discipline and betrays the MILF's anti-Christian sectarianism. There is wisdom in Mao's exhortation to his followers not to steal even a single needle from peasants. I recall one MILF raid in Cotabato a few years ago in which its forces carted away livestock. Actions like this are anathema to a revolutionary group.

The MILF cannot continue doing this if it wants to be taken seriously. It is not enough that the front admits to its mistake every now and then. It has to impose strict discipline among its followers and improve their awareness of, for example, the treatment of non-combatants. It has to abide by every rule and every law that governs armed conflicts.

The front cannot explain away its action by saying that, in areas such as Siocon, the resentment of Muslims toward Christians is still brewing, which is some Muslims living in the community joined the offensive not so much to achieve the MILF's tactical goal but to give vent to such resentment. If, during raids, the MILF opens its ranks to these angry constituents, it is risking trouble and political isolation.

While it is true that the recent government offensive has pushed the MILF to the wall, causing some of its "autonomous" units to run amuck, it cannot invoke this to justify its errors like Siocon. A decentralized leadership isn't as serious a problem as lack of discipline. Even if the whole might of the state is brought to bear upon the MILF, the deaths of civilians can be avoided or minimized if there is discipline among the its ranks.

And discipline can only be achieved if each and every MILF member appreciates the reality that their struggle is not just about winning territories but the respect of the people, Moro or not.

The point is, the MILF has to rise above crude, often needless, violence. It has to make sure that its forces don't resort to hooliganism. It must offer a humane alternative to the atrocity of the state that forced the Moros to revolt in the first place. It has to live up to the ideals of a genuine revolutionary movement.

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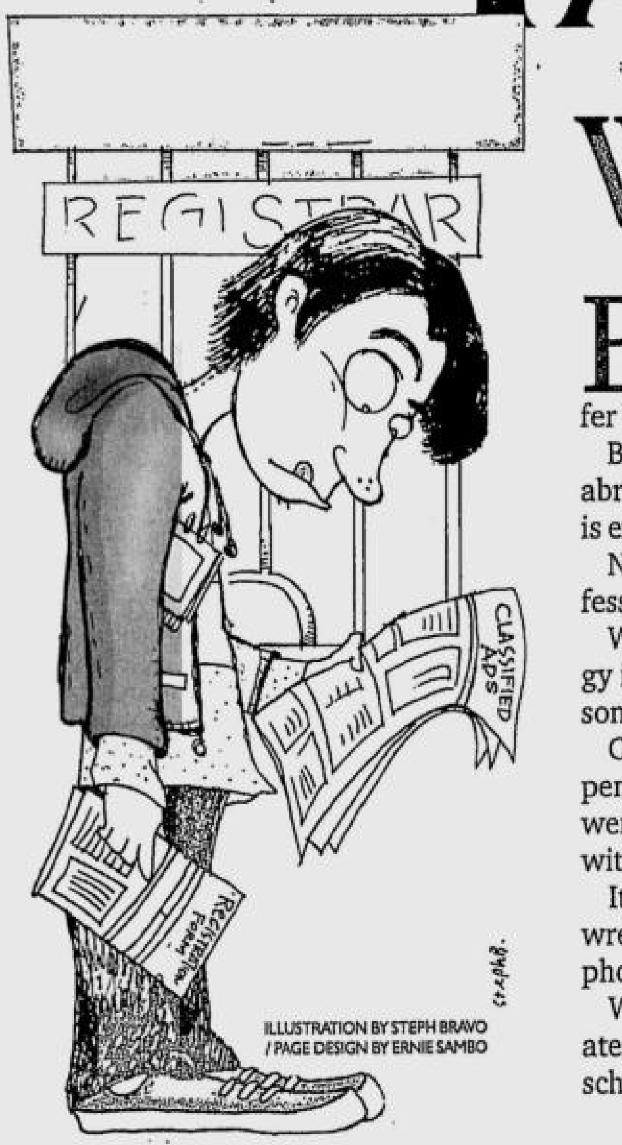

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What courses are 'hot'?

BY this time, most incoming college freshmen have already chosen the courses that they will take up in the next four, five or nine years. Others have yet to make a choice, which is usually influenced by parents, who take into consideration courses that offer better employment opportunities.

But what courses are in demand? At present, nursing offers bright employment prospects abroad. Europe has a shortage of close to 100,000 nurses. In the United States, the shortage is expected to reach 2 million within 10 years.

No wonder some 4,000 medical doctors in the country are taking up nursing. Other professionals are joining the bandwagon.

While enrolment in nursing is driven by demand in developed countries, that in criminology is driven by domestic demand—the Philippine National Police requirement that its personnel be college graduates.

Courses that are in demand now may not be so in the coming years. Look at what happened to Information Technology courses, which, at the height of the technology boom, were the "in" thing. But when the tech bubble burst a few years ago, the country found itself with a surfeit of IT graduates.

It was an unemployed Filipino IT graduate who wrote the "I love you virus" program that wreaked havoc on computers around the globe in 2000. He is now into repairing cell phones.

With a weak agro-industrial base, the Philippines can not absorb the thousands of graduates every year. Increasingly, the demand from foreign markets will influence what courses schools in the country will offer and what students will take.

What our heroes took up

Jose Rizal. After five years in the Ateneo de Manila, Rizal graduated on March 14, 1877 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1878, he enrolled in the College of Medicine of the University of Santo Tomas, in addition to a course in surveying which he also finished. At the Central University of Madrid, he enrolled in Medicine and Philosophy and Letters. And, as often as his time allowed, he went to the San Fernando School of Fine Arts to take art courses.

Graciano Lopez Jaena. He wanted to be a physician but was denied admission at UST because he lacked the required Bachelor of Arts degree. He instead entered the San Juan de Dios Hospital as an apprentice.

Juan Luna. He obtained in 1874 his Bachelor of Arts from the Ateneo de Manila. Lured by the sea, he studied navigation in a nautical school and obtained his license as a ship pilot. He sailed to Hong Kong, Amoy, Batavia (now Jakarta), Singapore, Colombo and other oriental ports. After several voyages, he gave up sailing and studied painting at the Academy of Fine Arts.

Apolinario Mabini. He completed his Bachelor of Arts from the Colegio de San Juan de Letran in 1887. He took up law at UST and was admitted to the Bar in 1895.

Rafael Palma. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Ateneo de Manila. He later studied law at UST, taking up simultaneously a two-year commercial course at the Ateneo.

Marcelo H. del Pilar. He took a Latin course in the school of Jose Flores and later enrolled and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at the Colegio de San Jose. At UST, he studied law but was suspended at about the time he was to graduate. This was due to an argument he had with a priest over the increase of baptismal fees.

Manuel L. Quezon. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 1894, summa cum laude, from the Colegio de San Juan de Letran. He later went to UST to study law. His studies were interrupted by the revolution but he was able to finish it and pass the Bar in 1903.

Claro M. Recto. In 1909, he graduated from the Ateneo with a Bachelor of Arts, maxima cum laude. He studied law at UST as a scholar. He graduated in 1913 and passed the Bar in the same year.

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'Enrollment in nursing, criminology has surged'

By Roger Perez
Executive director
Commission on Higher Education

THE HOTTEST course now is nursing. Enrollment in nursing has surged over the past two years. Even some professionals who have finished a first degree are going into nursing. In fact, 4,000 medical doctors are taking up nursing. This is because of the demand abroad and pursuit of the mighty dollar.

There was a time when the United States and some European countries were in need of physical therapists. So enrollment then in PT rose. Because the demand now is for nursing, enrollment in PT schools has become so low.

Criminology is another course which has seen a rapid increase in enrollment. The reason is domestic demand. Remember that there are about 23,000 policemen, who are supposed to be separated from active service if they are not able to finish their degrees. It used to be 75 units in college would suffice. Now the Philippine National Police requires that one be a degree holder. That's why those in active service are trying to finish their courses and most of them enroll in criminology. Aside from that, the salary for policemen has improved.

We have two fields that are oversubscribed—commerce and education. And then, there's IT. Why commerce? One, because it is the course of the poor. Second, a graduate of that course can take any kind of odd job.

Education is oversubscribed because it is also the course of the poor. Graduates can go to any job. They can work as clerks, and so on.

Although education is oversubscribed, we still lack teachers because they prefer to go abroad. The salary of teachers here is very low so they would prefer to work as domestic helpers. Foreign employers prefer to get teachers because they can also serve as tutors or nannies to their children.

It is saturated because it is appealing. Whether we like it or not, we are living in a world that is ICT-oriented. But in the country, industries were late in going into ICT. So many IT graduates seek employment abroad.

In fact, many of our students want to work abroad. That's the fixation, short of becoming a national dream. Or is it already a national dream? *(Interview by Rey Leyesa)*

'Nursing, engineering, accounting are in demand'

By Grace Abella-Zata
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THE ANSWER to the question 'What courses are currently in demand?' isn't nearly as straightforward as some people might expect. Just because one graduated from a course that seems to be in oversupply does not mean that one will not be able to get a job. And the opposite is true: Employers will not necessarily run after someone just because he or she is a graduate of a course currently in demand.

Having said that, I would like to share the following observations: There is a large supply of computer science and electronic and communications engineering graduates, who probably enrolled in the courses during the boom times in the IT and telecom industries in the mid to late 1990s. Now the demand has leveled off. We don't expect the demand to go back to the levels of the 1990s in the next year or so.

Because there's an oversupply of IT professionals, companies have the luxury of hiring people with experience, which makes it even more difficult for fresh graduates to find jobs. Senior IT students should therefore find out what the "hot" IT skills are and get practical experience by way of their thesis or practicum. Or, they can do project work for six months right after graduation. In addition to actual work experience using the tools (Java, SAP, Oracle, etc.), and knowledge of business process reengineering is also an advantage.

Now, what college courses are in demand?

It's true, nursing graduates are and will probably continue to be in great demand. The president of the ADD Group of Companies shares with us this information: In Europe, there is a shortage of close to 100,000 nurses and in the US, the nursing shortage is expected to reach 2 million within 10 years.

There is also a demand for teachers in the US, especially for English, Math, Science and Information Technology subjects. To get a teaching post abroad, however, you need to get an MA, plus about five years of teaching experience.

What if one hates the mere idea of going inside a hospital or cannot see oneself with a roomful of brats? Take heart, there are what we call 'staple' courses. Contrary to the common perception, we are still (and will probably always be) in need of graduates of business courses. A business course is a good background for people who work in sales jobs, for which companies in a broad range of industries, including banking, are constantly hiring. A business course is also good preparation for customer service work, which a lot of our young graduates now are doing, as it has emerged as a key business strategy of many companies.

Business will always require finance professionals so graduates of accounting will always be in demand. We thought that there would be less demand for accounting graduates because of the computerization of accounting and financial systems, but we have found that such is not the case.(Ask any recruitment officer about how difficult it is to get good accounting graduates!) A business course is also a good background for human resources management, a function growing in esteem and importance and where hiring continuously takes place.

Psychology graduates, of course, will find their niche in human resources management—particularly in recruitment and assessment, training and organizational development and employee relations.

Engineers are still in demand because most people took up ECE. It is a little difficult to look for industrial engineers (in demand for supply chain management jobs), and mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers. Some companies in certain industries like petrochemicals report that it is difficult to hold on to their engineers because they are offered jobs with higher pay by competitors both here and abroad. The semiconductor industry needs engineers with masteral and doctoral degrees.

These observations can help incoming college freshmen decide the course or electives to take up later on. But then, again, no one can really say how the situation will change four years from now.

But there is something unchanging: the nature of human interaction, which is at the heart of our work life. The basic work competencies therefore do not change. A survey done by the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines revealed the top reason applicants for entry-level positions do not go beyond the first interview: poor personal impact and communication skills.

Rather than fret about whether you are taking up the right course, students should ask themselves: In what ways am I developing my writing and verbal communication skills? (Many nurses and teachers do not get that coveted job abroad because they fail the English tests.) Am I becoming a person who brings energy and vitality to the workplace? What am I doing to develop my leadership skills? Am I developing habits of integrity, discipline and hard work? Am I sensitive to the needs and feelings of others; am I service-oriented and can I work well in a team? Do I have the emotional fortitude and flexible mindset to adapt to constant changes?

Notwithstanding globalization and changes in technology, what really matters—what employers value most—is not the college degree one puts in his or her resumé, but the kind of person one has become.

'Dilemmas in forecasting and hunting jobs'

By Rene E. Ofreneo, Ph.D.
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ONE science that is in disrepute these days is the forecasting of jobs and skills of the future as basis for education and skills development planning. Past manpower and education plans were generally way off their job and skills targets. It is only during graduation time or the actual job hunt that students discover that the demand for their courses has fallen or no longer exists, making them candidates for the growing army of the educated unemployed.

Example: In the 1980s, maritime schools were mushrooming all over the archipelago as there was a huge demand for Filipino seafarers. In the 1990s, the Luneta maritime labor market' started thickening like an El Shaddai crowd as maritime graduates could not get job placement in global ships, which have become leaner and have gained access to cheaper seafarers from China, Poland and India.

Another example: In the early 1990s, computer education schools were proudly advertising that an 'IT education is an assurance of having a quality well-paying job.' Today, the spurious ad is out as IT schools have begun diversifying, offering totally unrelated courses such as care-giving.

These examples illustrate the shifting demand in the globalizing labor market, which old-style manpower and education forecasting, based on historical projections of demand for jobs in various industries, is unable to anticipate. The situation is complicated by the reality that the Philippine agro-industrial base has failed to grow and expand at a rate that can absorb the country's educated and skilled labor force.

The old industries bred by the policy of import substitution (1950s to 1960s) have either closed shop or are in distress, unable to cope with foreign competition in the liberalized domestic market. On the other hand, the leading industries nurtured by the export-led industrial policy of the last three decades such as the garments industry have turned out to be footloose, ready to migrate anytime to cheaper labor sites in Asia and elsewhere.

Thus, it is an over-simplification to say that the high unemployment rate is due to the 'mismatch' between actual jobs available and the education of the job seekers, for the reality is that the mismatch often occurs because the educated job seekers cannot find the right jobs given our stagnant, if not eroding, agro-industrial base.

Not surprisingly, given the scarce job prospects and poor compensation rates at home, most of the educated, skilled and experienced workers have turned outward and have been queuing for the overseas labor market despite the high social, psychological and even economic (to the local industries) costs and risks such migration entails.

However, the overseas labor market is not free; it is a highly regulated market where hiring is done in a very selective basis based on the development needs of a labor-importing country. And in hard times, migrant workers are the most visible targets for downsizing as amply demonstrated in Hong Kong last year.

So how should the education and skills development sector address the twin problems of mismatch and joblessness among the educated in a globalizing economy with an eroding agro-industrial base? This question must be directed as well to the economic planners whose mandate is to find measures to ensure the rapid transformation of the economy, one that is capable of creating more and better jobs for all.

'Health care, finance, IT, marketing are desirable'

By Cris Carlos Jr.
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Ateneo Graduate School of Business

EMPLOYERS always seek to fill in these critical jobs in most organizations—managerial, technical and professional. For those with insufficient personal interest, work career ambition, or money to study further, then the bulk of jobs at lower levels should be targeted. Still, for this choice, completion of high school at least, and certain specialized skills or hands-on courses are a clear advantage over those without them.

Most college degrees have "liberal arts" courses to prepare or round up the person before going to specialized majors covered in senior years. There is less of this "liberal dosage" in the technical and, in some cases, professional degrees. Students should fill in the gaps through self-improvement, and employers as a "learning organization," too, tend to give more hands-on skills missed by schools.

Therefore, if our young people aim for those "critical jobs"—managerial, technical and professional, it is necessary to complete preparatory college degrees in the time allotted, four to even nine years (of medical study) rather than prolonging the time unnecessarily. Employment officers can spot the lack of urgency to finish or the weak persistence, or the vague attitude—essential work values not there.

Medical and health care, finance, marketing, production, operations (procurement and distribution), human resource management, engineering and other technical courses, and information technology are all desirable as fields of study, and employment and livelihood opportunities are plenty, provided these are not left out in the preparation: 1.) passing the required professional examination of the government for license; 2.) internship or series of early work experiences; and 3.) manifestations of positive work attitude, behavior and values

How does one acquire numbers 1 and 2? The school setting often requires, in practicum or internship, inclusive time for developing these. The family at all times can strongly influence the work attitude and behavior of their children. Every summer, many parents help secure early work experiences as the means for acquiring skills and values. In the case of the high school graduate, it is important to show basic intelligence, maturity, some work experiences (the likes of McDonald's and Jollibee), and values.

The most striking considerations we in human resources department give importance to when hiring, even with an overwhelming number of applicants are dedication to study (reflected in grades), leadership and socialization in campus activities, personal maturity, variety in work experience and values.

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US scientists foresee SARS vaccine in 3 years

BOSTON—Fifteen or 20 years to create a new vaccine is considered quite speedy. So the US government's blueprint for a shot to stop the SARS epidemic in a mere three years seems positively head-snapping.

Can it be done?

Certainly, says Dr. Gary Nabel, chief of the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "If everything went perfectly," he qualifies. "If all the stars were aligned."

The stars almost never align precisely in medical research. But if they do, Nabel says scientists will finish all the basic lab work, creating the vaccine, testing it in animals, in just one year.

Then they will spend two more trying it out on people to make sure it works, turn the results over to the Food and Drug Administration and be done.

No vaccine in modern times has gone from start to finish nearly that fast. But even if Nabel's time line proves unrealistic, his willingness to state it out loud shows how seriously the government takes SARS.

The strategy: Forget solving problems one at a time.

At Nabel's institute, two teams are working separately to create possible vaccines. One sticks to the time-tested approach of making them with dead or weakened viruses. The other builds them with up-to-the-second gene-splicing tools.

Instead of dealing with big technical issues in the usual one-by-one order, scientists will jump into all of them at once. For instance, they are gearing up production of newly minted vaccines at the same time they figure out how to test them in animals and tease apart exactly how the human immune system does the job of fighting off SARS on its own.

"Parallel tracking," Nabel calls this. It's also called science in a hurry.

Why the rush? Why work so hard to defend against a disease that is just a few months old, that killed just over 756 people worldwide?

No one knows how bad SARS will become, whether it will burn out or continue to spread, or even exactly how it makes people so sick. But the consensus among top health officials is that it would be foolish to wait and see.

Even if SARS is somehow contained, many experts doubt it will ever be wiped from the planet, even though this is the World Health Organization's goal. More likely, they say, the virus will come and go, perhaps in some seasonal pattern, maybe by chance.

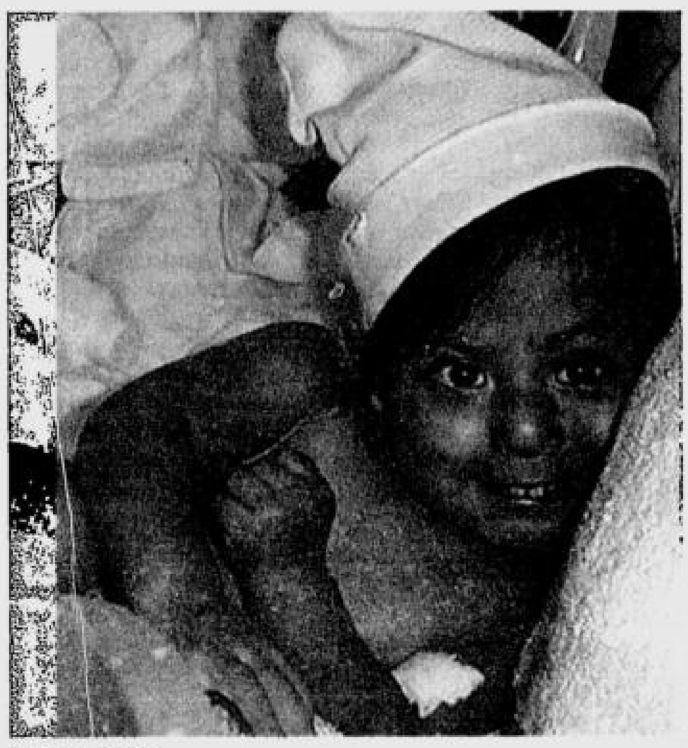
"We need a vaccine. There's no question about it," says Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the infectious disease institute. "This is potentially disastrous enough that we can't just hope it will go away and stay away."

The government is not alone in this. It is encouraging private vaccine makers to take a crack at SARS. In April, the government hosted a meeting of vaccine scientists, where US researchers shared what they knew about the virus and promised them samples to work with.

"They more or less said, 'We want your entrepreneurial brains working on this,'" says Una Ryan, president of Avant Immunotherapeutics.

Labs from Hong Kong to Canada are also tackling SARS vaccines, and Fauci said his institute will sign contracts with up to a dozen companies to help with development.

Success will depend on figuring out a way to train the body's immune system to see the SARS virus quickly, to recognize it as dangerous and to kill it before it makes people sick. *AP*



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Fresh from her bath, former Guatemalan conjoined twin Maria de Jesus flashes a smile to a visitor at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital in this photograph released May 30. The twins were brought back to the United States for increased medical care recently.

SARS claims new death in Toronto; toll now 30

TORONTO—SARS has claimed another death in Toronto, health officials said on Friday, bringing the number of deaths linked to the virus in Canada to 30.

Health officials warned that the next few days would be critical in the fight to contain a new cluster of the disease in the Toronto area. They said the city's health care system was on overload with cases sharply up and hospital workers either ill or among the 7,000 people now in quarantine.

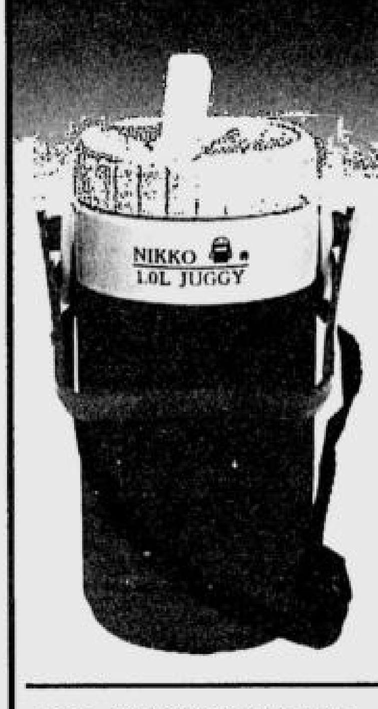
Officials were monitoring 149 people for symptoms of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, up from 107 on Thursday.

The World Health Organization placed Toronto back on its list of SARS-affected areas this week after the new cases surfaced, a blow to Canada's largest city after it had claimed victory over an initial SARS outbreak in March and April.

The Toronto area is the only place outside Asia where people have died of SARS.

"We are not out of the woods yet, we've put measures in place and watching very carefully this weekend and early next week will tell us how effective the first round of measures have been," said Dr. James Young, Ontario's commissioner of public safety. "It is one of those viruses, even when you think it is over, it takes one more case to start it back up."

Officials said warning signs had been put up at a 300-unit apartment building north of the city where two members of a family of five have died of SARS. Three members of the same were family quarantined along with the people they had been in contact with in the building. *Reuters*



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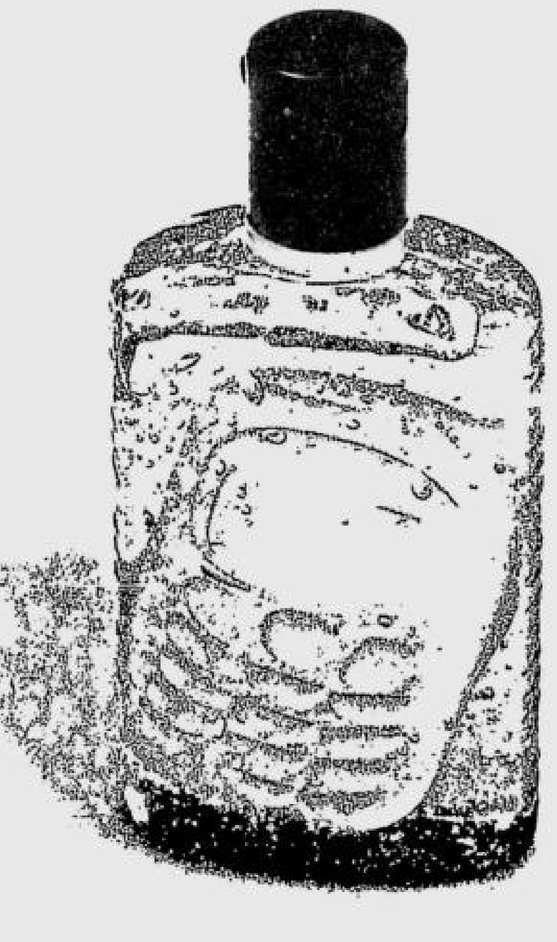

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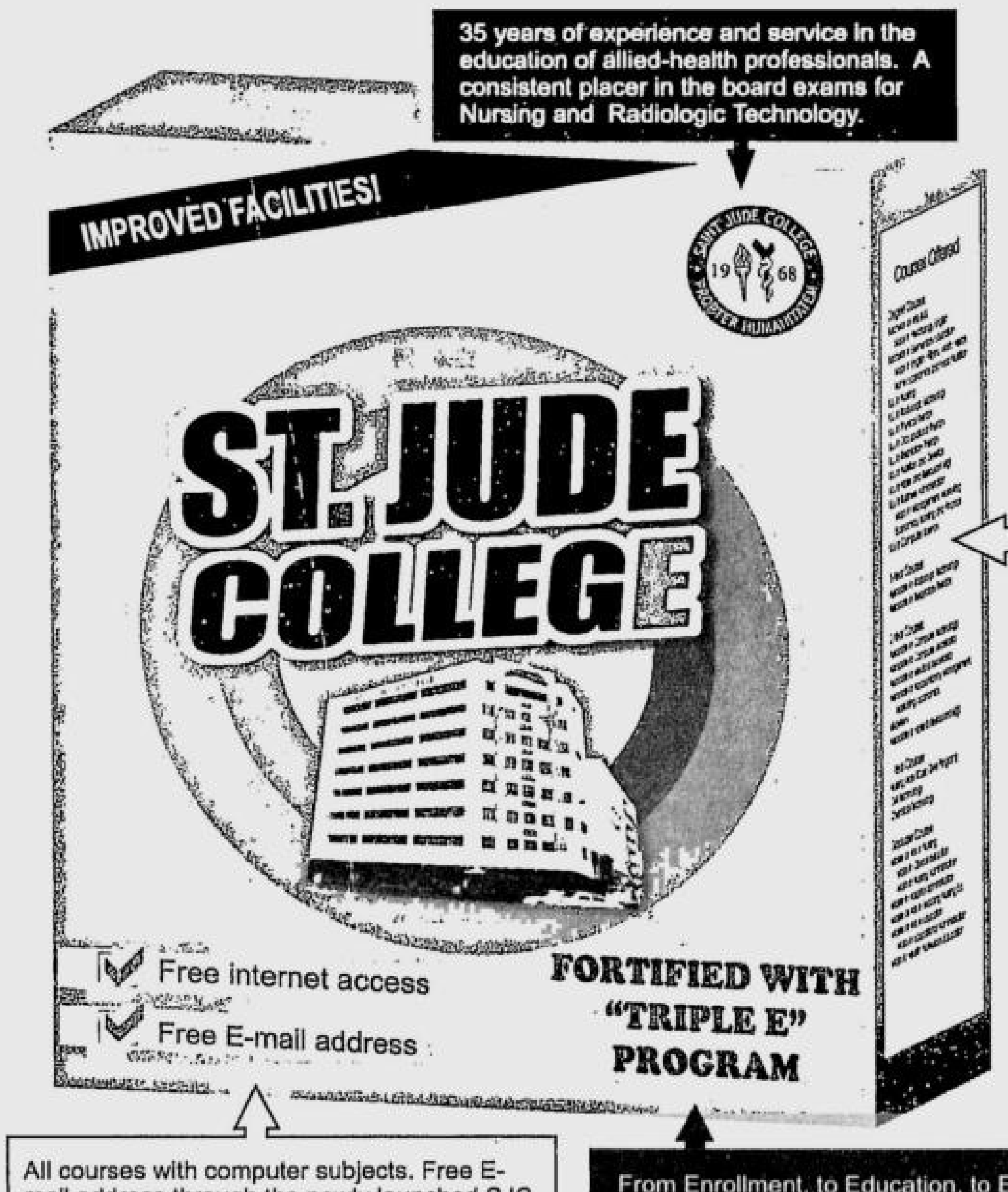

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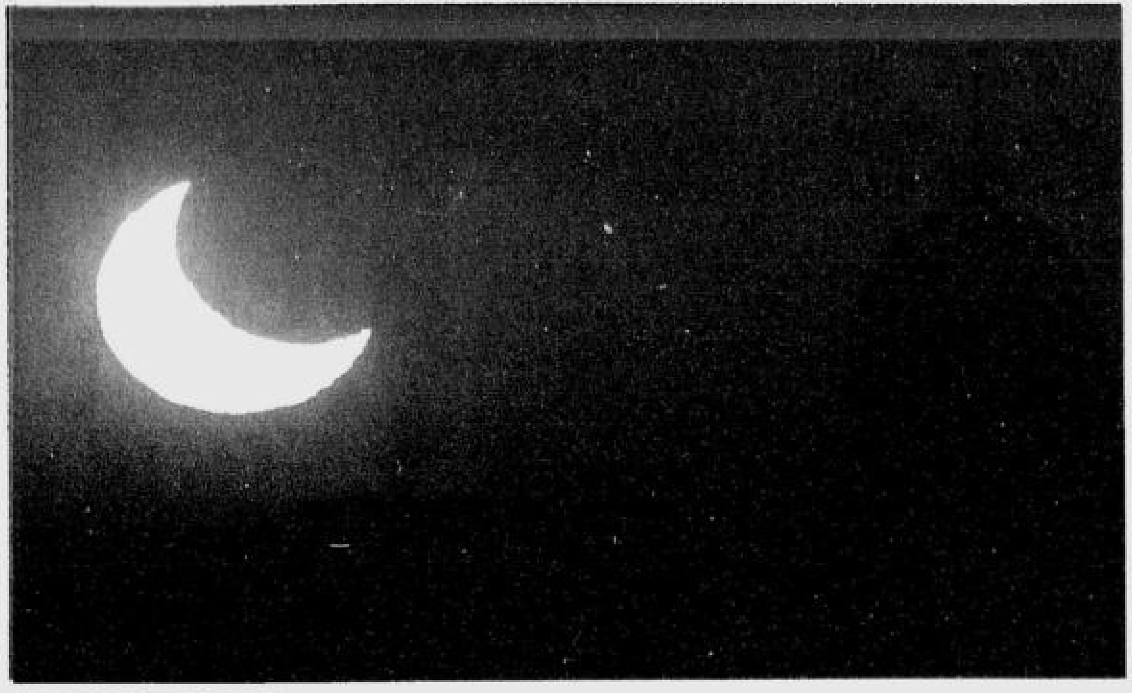

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The moon covers the rising sun during an 82-percent solar eclipse above the roof of the Royal Palace in Budapest on May 31. The eclipse first touched Hungary around 0315 GMT (11:15 a.m. in Manila) as the moon moved in between the sun and the earth, blocking out the summer sunshine.

Bush hawks favor Iran showdown

WASHINGTON—Hawks in the Bush administration have turned their sights on Iran, repeating accusations similar to those they deployed to portray Iraq as an imminent threat and win public support for war.

But this time moderates in the administration are likely to put up tougher opposition to military action against Iran or covert support for Iranian opposition groups, officials say.

US President George W. Bush, in an interview broadcast on Russia's Rossiya television channel on Friday, said reports of US plans to attack Iran were "pure speculation."

"We've had all kinds of reports that we're going to use force against Syria and now some on the left, I guess, are saying force in Iran or force here and force there. You know, it's pure speculation," said Bush, who denied for months that the United States had any plans to attack Iraq.

ABC News said this week the Defense Department was advocating a massive covert action program to overthrow the Iranian government as the only way to stop the country's nuclear program, which Washington says is for making bombs.

A State Department official, who asked not to be named, said Defense Department hawks and allies in Washington's neoconservative think tanks had not presented any formal plans but were encouraging such speculation in leaks to the media.

"What the neoconservatives do is they go to the media and then they tell us there are some interesting things we should look at in this or that report," said the official.

The term neoconservatives refers to ideologues in and around the Bush administration who believe in the liberal use of military might abroad to serve US interests.

They are most strongly represented at the Pentagon, through Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, Undersecretary Douglas Feith and William Luti, the deputy assistant secretary in charge of special plans, the Middle East and South Asia.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has charged Tehran was not doing enough against al-Qaida members allegedly in Iran and that the United States would "aggressively put down" any attempt by Iranian leaders to remake Iraq in Iran's image.

All branches of the Bush administration have complained repeatedly about Iran's nuclear programs, but State Department officials say they believe there is still room for diplomacy. *Reuters*

Insiders say Bush government deliberately slanted Iraq intel

WASHINGTON—A growing number of US national security professionals are accusing the Bush administration of slanting the facts and hijacking the $30 billion-intelligence apparatus to justify its rush to war in Iraq.

A key target is a four-person Pentagon team that reviewed material gathered by other intelligence outfits for any missed bits that might have tied Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to banned weapons or terrorist groups.

This team, self-mockingly called the Cabal, "cherry-picked the intelligence stream" in a bid to portray Iraq as an imminent threat, said Patrick Lang, a former head of worldwide human intelligence gathering for the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), which coordinates military intelligence.

The DIA was "exploited and abused and bypassed in the process of making the case for war in Iraq based on the presence of WMD," or weapons of mass destruction, he added in a phone interview. He said the CIA had "no guts at all" to resist the allegedly deliberate skewing of intelligence by a Pentagon that he said was now dominating US foreign policy.

Vince Cannistraro, a former chief of Central Intelligence Agency counterterrorist operations, said he knew of serving intelligence officers who blame the Pentagon for playing up "fraudulent" intelligence, "a lot of it sourced from the Iraqi National Congress (INC) of Ahmad Chalabi."

The INC, which brought together groups opposed to Saddam, worked closely with the Pentagon to build a justification for the early use of force in Iraq.

"There are current intelligence officials who believe it is a scandal," he said in a telephone interview. They believe the administration, before going to war, had a "moral obligation to use the best information available, not just information that fits your preconceived ideas."

The top Marine Corps officer in Iraq, Lt. Gen. James Conway, said on Friday US intelligence was "simply wrong" in leading military commanders to fear troops were likely to be attacked with chemical weapons in the March invasion of Iraq that ousted Saddam.

Richard Perle, a Chalabi backer and member of the Defense Policy Board that advises Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, defended the four-person unit in a television interview.

"They established beyond any doubt that there were connections that had gone unnoticed in previous intelligence analysis," he said on the PBS NewsHour Thursday.

A Pentagon spokesperson, Marine Lt. Col. David Lapan, said the team in question analyzed links among terrorist groups and alleged state sponsors and shared conclusions with the CIA.

"In one case, a briefing was presented to Director of Central Intelligence Tenet. It dealt with the links between Iraq and al-Qaida," the group blamed for the Sept. 2001 attacks on the United States, he said.

Tenet denied charges the intelligence community, on which the United States spends more than $30 billion a year, had skewed its analysis to fit a political agenda, a cardinal sin for professionals meant to tell the truth regardless of politics.

"I'm enormously proud of the work of our analysts," he said in a statement on Friday ahead of an internal review. "The integrity of our process has been maintained throughout and any suggestion to the contrary is simply wrong."

Tenet sat conspicuously behind Secretary of State Colin Powell during a key Feb. 5 presentation to the UN Security Council arguing Iraq represented an ominous and urgent threat—as if to lend the CIA's credibility to the presentation, replete with satellite photos.

Powell said Friday his presentation was "the best analytic product that we could have put up."

Greg Thielmann, who retired in September after 25 years in the State Department, the last four in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research working on weapons, said it appeared to him that intelligence had been shaped "from the top down." *Reuters*

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Bomb attack in Spain kills 2 cops

PAMPLONA, Spain—Two policemen were killed and a third lost both legs in a bomb attack in northern Spain, swiftly blamed by authorities on the Basque armed separatist group ETA.

The incident occurred in the town of Sanguesa in the province of Navarra next to the restless Basque country.

"ETA has murdered again," said Deputy Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

More than 800 people, civilians and military personnel, have died since the first attack in 1968 by ETA, which wants independence for the Basque country in northern Spain.

Police officers Bonifacio Martin Hernando, 56, and Julian Envit Luna, 53, died instantly in the powerful blast. The 44-year-old injured officer was rushed to hospital in Pamplona, Navarra, police said.

A 37-year-old local man was taken to hospital with a minor leg injury and three others were treated for shock.

Interior Minister Angel Acebes swore the government would continue undeterred with its present methods against ETA, offering no concessions.

"We will maintain the same strategy against ETA, it's the correct course," he said. *AFP*

Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi, followers taken into custody

YANGON—Myanmar's ruling military junta said Saturday it took opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and 17 of her top party members into "protective custody," after violent clashes between her supporters and opponents in the north of the country.

Junta spokesperson Tin Win told a news conference Suu Kyi was taken into custody late on Friday after hundreds of her supporters clashed with opponents, leaving four people dead and as many as 50 injured.

Myanmar officials did not say what had sparked the violence in the northern town of Yaway Oo, about 560 km north of the capital, and denied media reports that Suu Kyi's vehicle had been fired on by an unidentified gunman on Friday night.

"There was no shooting at all, and nobody accompanying Aung San Suu Kyi was injured," Brig. Gen. Than Tun told the news conference.

The announcement that Suu Kyi was in custody came just hours after security officials sealed her National League for Democracy party headquarters in the capital, amid mounting criticism of the pro-democracy icon by the country's ruling military.

"It is too early to talk about the future of the NLD party," Brig. Gen. Tun said.

He declined to say how long the 1991 Nobel peace laureate would be held. Suu Kyi was released from house arrest only a year ago after intense international pressure.

Telephone lines to the homes of senior members of the NLD party in Yangon were not working on Saturday afternoon.

Suu Kyi, whose party won the 1990 elections in Myanmar by a landslide but was not allowed to assume power by the military, was on a month-long tour of northern Myanmar and had been due to return to the capital on June 4.

The junta has been annoyed by Suu Kyi's trips outside the capital, where she has drawn large adoring crowds, a sign the daughter of Myanmar independence leader Aung San remains popular despite spending the better part of a decade under house arrest.

Sources close to the junta told Reuters Suu Kyi would be returned to the capital on Sunday.

Earlier on Saturday, witnesses saw security officials put a large padlock on the door of NLD headquarters in Yangon and remove a party flag. The keyhole on the lock was sealed and several plainclothes officers were posted outside.

The closure of NLD headquarters comes days before the scheduled arrival of a top UN envoy, Malaysian Razali Ismail, due to visit June 6-10 in a bid to revive stalled talks between the junta and the opposition. *Reuters*

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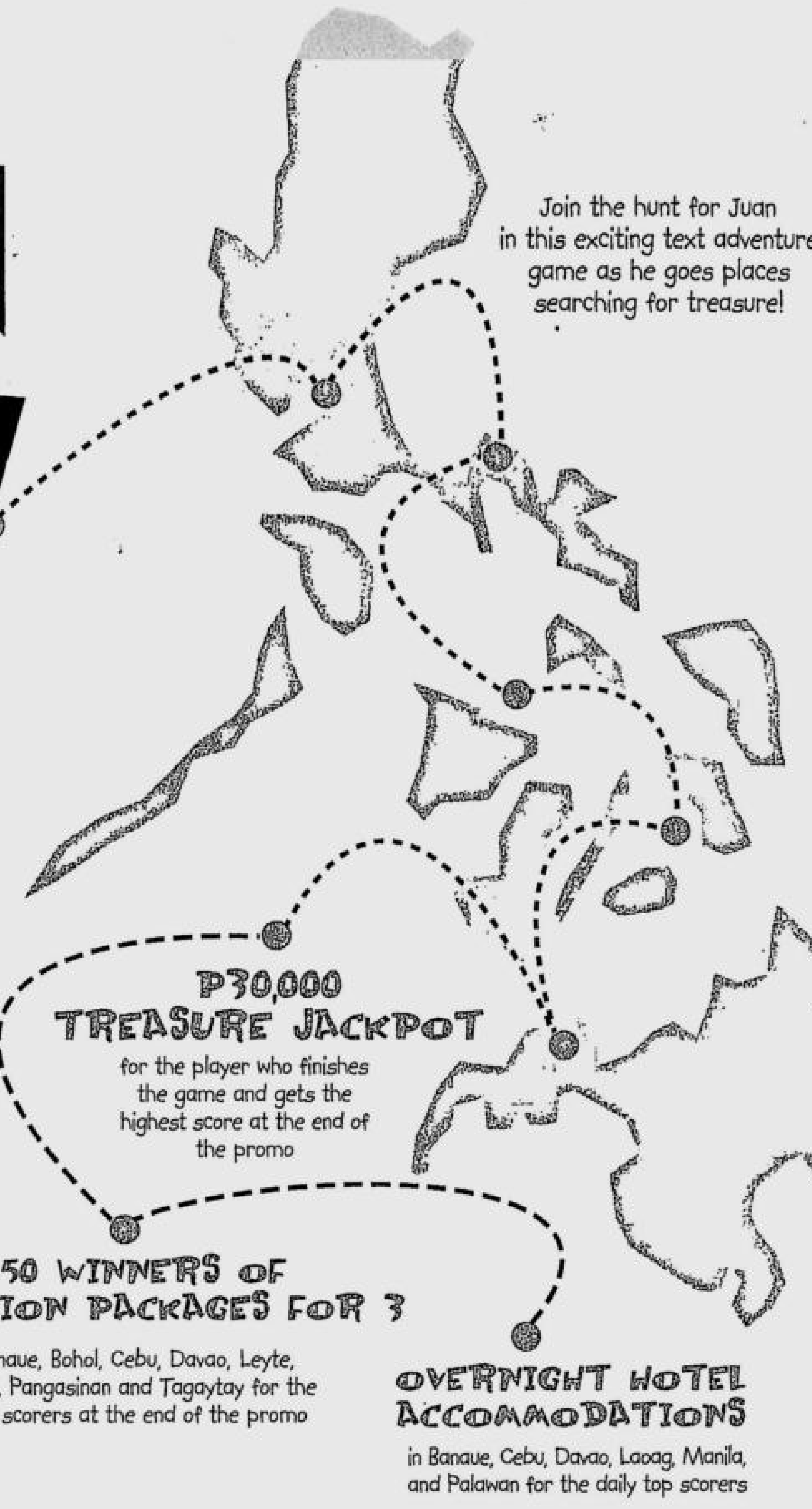

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Teachers ask for cop, Army protection

ILIGAN CITY—Christian teachers and staff of the Mindanao State University's main campus in Marawi City have urged the military and the police to provide more security following the spate of kidnappings there this year.

In a signed letter addressed to MSU's influential Board of Regents, the concerned teachers and staff said there was a need for the "expansion of military and police jurisdiction" to the main campus to make Mindanao's largest state university safe for both Christian teachers and students.

Under the proposal, the teachers and staff said the military and the police would assist, if not supplant, the university's "peacekeeping force" composed only of contractual security guards.

They said this would ward off the perennial threats of kidnapping, which have been victimizing Christians in the predominantly Muslim city.

In February, armed men dragged Prof. Rhede Nelson Manulat of the College of Business Administration while he was supervising some 77 students, who were then practicing for a presentation.

Prior to Manulat's abduction, armed men also kidnapped two students along the road leading to the campus.

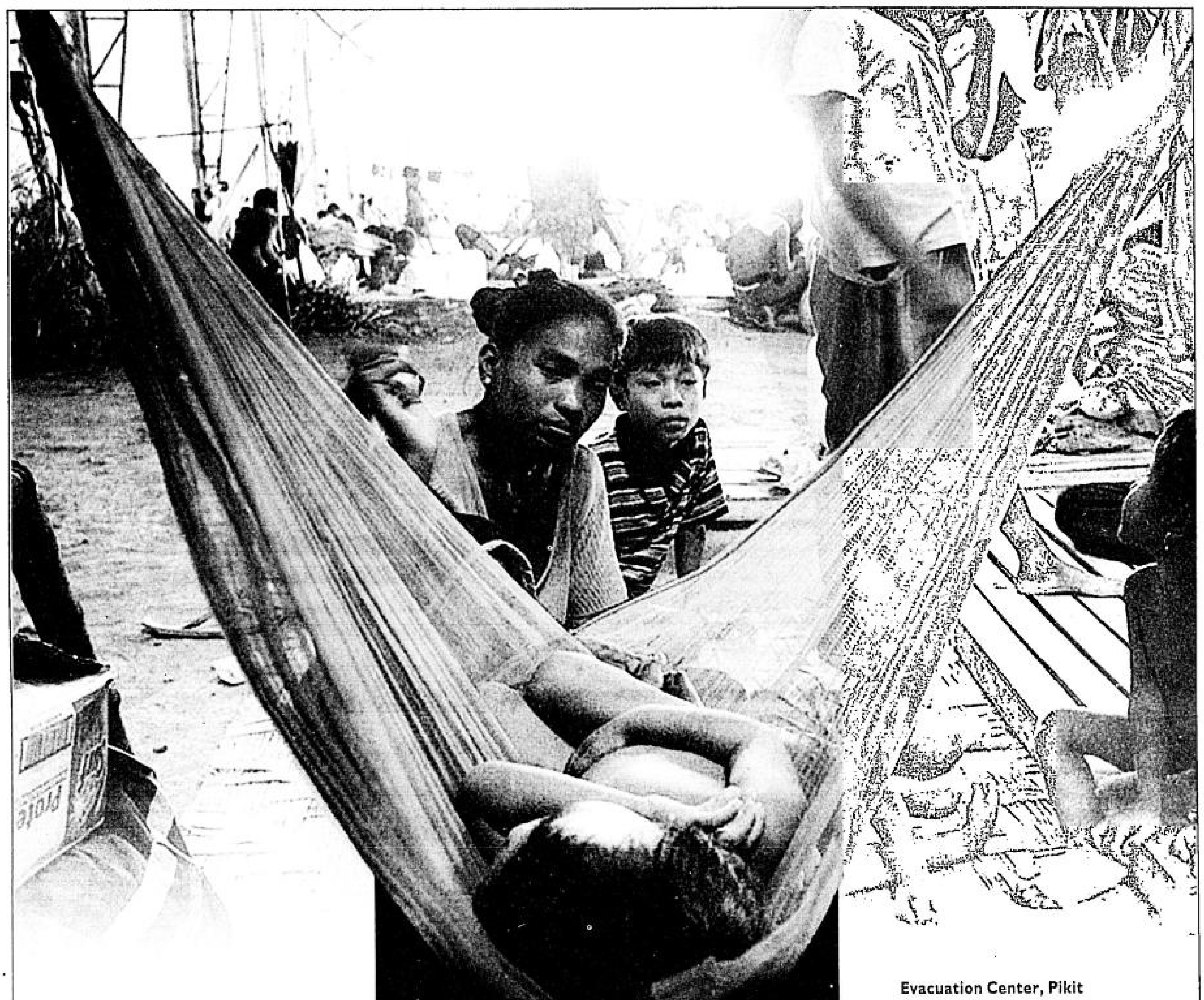
Late last year, four MSU teachers were also abducted.

"We have decided things must change. We can't imagine doing nothing against (the kidnappers) who apparently have made a sustainable living out of abducting (teachers and students). Kidnapping has become their primary source of income and that's unfair," a professor told the INQUIRER.

Manulat, who was freed last month, said the proposal was great because this would "safeguard potential kidnap victims" in Marawi.

"(In Marawi), we have always been easy prey to the kidnappers. Instead of filing legal actions against them, I suggest that the campus be instead subjected to the responsibility of the police and the military," he told the INQUIRER.

Manulat's wife, Flora, who also teaches at MSU, said the presence of military and police personnel would boost the safety and comfort in the campus, "which every MSU employee has been dreaming of for years." *Jeffrey P. Maningo, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



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Palawan hosts Environment Day celebration

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—For the first time, the World Environment Day celebration in the Philippines will be held today outside Metro Manila—Puerto Princesa City.

World Environment Day organizers said they decided to hold the activity here in recognition of the city's successful environmental management.

The event will feature a daylong cleanup in coastal barangays along the Puerto Princesa Bay and tree planting at Barangay Irawan, former site of the annual Pista Y ang Kagueban celebration of the city.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Elisea Gozun will give the keynote address during a program and meet with nongovernment and environmental groups later.

Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn said the city is indeed very lucky and thankful for being chosen to host the activity. "We really would like to believe that Puerto Princesa City was chosen because its people have proven themselves worthy . . . in recognition of our efforts (at the) preservation and conservation of Puerto Princesa City's terrestrial and marine environment." *Geraldford P. Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Prudence averts shooting incident

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—His superior had just issued a shoot-to-kill order against members of a syndicate responsible for the series of carnapping incidents here.

But instead of squeezing the trigger, prudence prevailed over SPO4 Samuel Salvador, who was leading a team of policemen manning a roadblock, during a suspected carnapping incident.

It proved to be a wise decision on Salvador's part. What could have been a bloody incident involving an honest mistake started on Thursday afternoon.

Cesar Clemente, 67, a local resident, went to a hardware store along the national highway here to buy some goods.

He parked the navy blue Nissan Sunny Sedan he was driving at the store's parking lot and went inside.

A few minutes later, a physician identified as Rex Decolongon arrived and parked his vehicle near Clemente's car.

The cars have the same manufacturer and similar colors. Decolongon also went inside the hardware store.

A few minutes after, Clemente went out and headed for a parked navy blue Nissan Sunny Sedan. He took out the key, opened the car, sat behind the wheel and sped up.

Several minutes later, the doctor went out only to find out his car was already gone.

He immediately reported the incident to the police, who put up roadblocks in several strategic exit points to intercept the "carnapper."

Clemente was surprised when the police flagged him down near Duratrak in Barangay Lagao here with their guns all trained at him.

He was ordered to get out of the car and was told that the car he was driving was a stolen vehicle.

"I mistook Dr. Decolongon's car for my daughter's car. When I came out of the car on (the) orders (of) the policemen, I checked out the plate number and found out that I took the wrong car," he said.

Sr. Supt. Jeorge Aquisap, City Police Director, told reporters Clemente was lucky he did not pass by a roadblock he himself manned in Barangay Conel.

"*Talagang bibirahan namin siya* (We will really shoot him)," Aquisap said.

Aquisap had earlier ordered his men to shoot to death carnappers. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Family survives hacking attack

COTABATO CITY—A family of three survived a midnight hacking attack in a remote village of Midsayap, North Cotabato that according to police authorities was triggered by a quarrel over ducks.

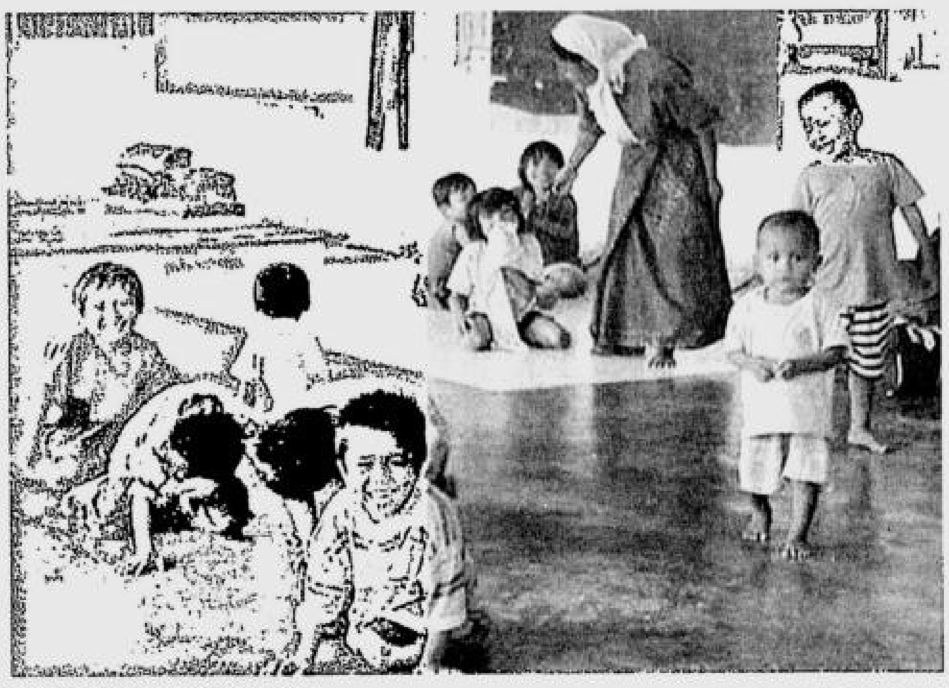
Chief Insp. Eduardo Marquez, Midsayap police chief, said Serwin Paalisbo, his wife Merlinda and their year-old daughter Herlyn sustained hack wounds in different parts of the body.

Police arrested Babiton Balinia, a 24-year-old farmer who denied involvement in the attack.

Marquez said Balinia earlier threatened to kill the Paalisbo family following a quarrel over ducks.

Balinia and Paalisbo maintain a duck-farm in Barangay Bagunba, some 40 km from here.

Paalisbo reported to the police station on Sunday that Balinia threatened he would kill his family. *Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*



KIDS AMID CONFLICT

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These children have no care about the war in their midst as they continue playing in an evacuation center in Munai, Lanao del Norte.

PSG apologizes to Muslim gov

KORONADAL CITY—The Presidential Security Group (PSG) has apologized for an incident here where Sultan Kudarat Governor Pakung Mangudadatu was barred from meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo during a closed-door security briefing in the aftermath of the May 10 bombing that killed at least 10 people.

Mangudadatu had decried the PSG saying he was supposed to be in the meeting, being chair of Central Mindanao's peace and order council.

"Maybe they don't trust me because I am a Muslim," he told reporters shortly after the incident.

But in a letter dated May 15, a copy of which was obtained by the INQUIRER yesterday, Army Col. Delfin Bangit, PSG Group Commander, acknowledged that the incident was regrettable.

"I would like to personally apologize for the unfortunate incident that happened in South Cotabato last May 12 when you were not allowed entrance (to) a meeting with the President," Bangit wrote.

He said the incident was being investigated to determine what really transpired.

Bangit said PSG operatives were only following orders and that they checked with the list of officials invited. Mangudadatu's name was not on the list.

But he said "it would have been prudent on his (PSG soldier) part if he had taken the courtesy of ensuring that the concern of the governor was accommodated."

"I wish to assure the good governor that there is not even an iota of intent to marginalize the governor and the people of Sultan Kudarat nor our Muslim brothers. Please accept my apology and I assure you it will not happen again," Bangit concluded.

Reports said Mangudadatu was initially unmoved by the apology and had even tried to formalize his resignation as regional peace and order council chair on Wednesday, during a meeting held in Isulan town in Sultan Kudarat.

But many local officials in the region rejected his resignation while a number of them tried to appease the executive.

Apparently, the efforts succeeded.

In a subsequent interview, Mangudadatu told the INQUIRER he was inclined to forget the incident.

"I am harboring no rancor against anybody. I was touched by the humility showed by the PSG chief. What happened was part of my public life as government official. Let bygones be bygones," the governor said. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Fire station goes up in smoke

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—A fire station went up in smoke on Thursday night when a fire of still unknown origin hit the adjoining public market of San Fernando town, Cebu that also gutted down 10 stalls.

Supt. Aderson Comar, Provincial Fire Marshall, ordered an investigation after a report showed that the town's lone fireman on duty was taking a nap when the fire broke out around 9:20 p.m.

Radio reports said FO3 Juden Martin Opsima woke up when he felt the heat of the fire that was slowly eating up their fire station.

But fire investigator Kevin Rodriguez came to Opsima's defense, saying the fireman was only resting inside the fire station when the fire broke out.

The fire reportedly started at the retail store owned by couple Luis and Vergie Amamalin.

Rodriguez said it was not yet established what caused the fire although they suspected that a short circuit might have triggered the blaze.

Rodriguez said Opsima failed to immediately detect the fire because of the galvanized iron sheets that separated the station from the public market. The fire station was sitting on a government lot at the back of the market.

Rodriguez said a civilian volunteer named Edwin Onabia noticed the fire at the public market and immediately informed Opsima.

But, he added, it was already too late because the fire had quickly spread to the fire station, which was made of light materials. The fire truck was spared because it was parked under the acacia tree outside the fire station.

Rodriguez said Opsima just focused on the other stores in the market.

Fire trucks from nearby towns of Naga, Carcar and Minglanilia responded to put off the fire that also destroyed San Fernando's General Service Office.

Rodriguez said the fire was put under control around11 p.m., more than two hours after it broke out. Damage to property was estimated to reach P2 million.

Comar said he would ask SF04 Casiano Causin, San Fernando fire chief, to submit a report of the incident.

Comar, however, admitted that the San Fernando fire station lacked personnel. The fire station has only eight fire fighters working on shifts.

Villareal Jr.; 63

ROXAS CITY—Former Capiz Gov. Cornelio Villareal Jr., the province's longest serving governor, died on May 29 after a heart attack in Manila. He was 63.

The former governor, fondly called "Dodoy," belonged to the Villareal clan of Mambusao, Capiz. He had continuously served as Capiz governor for 20 years. He was first elected in 1968. The former governor relocated to Metro Manila with his family after his term ended in 1987.

Born in Mambusao, Capiz on Nov. 21, 1939, Villareal is survived by his wife Amelita and seven children.

Aside from being the longest staying governor of Capiz, Dodoy also made his mark in infrastructure development that paved the way for increased trade and commerce in the province.

It was also during his time that the Villareal Stadium was built in honor of his father, Cornelio "Kune" Villareal Sr., a three-time Speaker of the House.

Villareal also took the initiative to put up district hospitals in Mambusao and Bailan towns to upgrade the province's basic health services.

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Capiz, through board member Vladimir Tanco, on Friday passed a resolution of condolences to the bereaved family of the late governor.

With the death of Villareal, Philippine Flags on all buildings and places have been raised at half-mast.

Gov. Vicente Bermejo and the provincial government of Capiz, in keeping with tradition, had proposed to the family of the late governor that his body be brought to the province to enable Capiceños to pay their last respects to their former leader.

Villareal's remains will be flown here on June 3 through a military plane and will stay at the Governor's Hall at the Provincial Capitol for two days, Bermejo said.

His body will be brought back to Manila on June 5 for cremation. *Gerry T. Pagharion and Ma. Dialou Senequito, PDI Visayas Bureau*

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All they dream of is an education

By Vic Sumalinog
Contributor

CHILDREN in areas of armed conflict have been deprived of at least two weeks to one year of schooling because their families were forced to abandon their homes at the height of the government's all-out war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in 2000.

STRIPPED of the right to education, to a decent living and to a normal life, 13-year-old Dante has been living at the Pagalungan Central School in North Cotabato for the past two years, together with his parents and siblings.

They were forced to abandon their home at the height of the government's all-out war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in the summer of 2000.

Dante is just one among the many children still living in the evacuation centers who were interviewed by researchers from the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) and the Notre Dame University (NDU) in Cotabato City. The two groups conducted a study on the work of the Community and Family Services International (CFSI).

Although the evacuation center is on the school premises, Dante is not enrolled there. He is one of the beneficiaries of a temporary education program extended by a foreign humanitarian agency. The mission, however, will be terminated soon due to lack of funds.

Dante is not sure if going home would be worthwhile, considering that their house, school and other infrastructure facilities in their community were burned during the war in 2000.

At one moment, he would express a desire to stay at the evacuation center to continue his education, but in another, he would start articulating his wish for the building of a school at their place of origin. To him, the hope of getting a normal education is growing dimmer by the day.

Dante dreams of becoming a teacher, but the circumstances he faces today are not those that dreams are made of. That dream is driven by the desire to help the children in his community obtain basic education because this is seen as their only hope for a brighter future.

There are many more Dantes in the evacuation centers as the CFSI-assisted study shows.

A large number of internally displaced people in the towns of Pagalungan, Pagagawan and Carmen are school-age children. The literacy level is generally very low, the highest being only at Grade 2, the study reveals.

The resounding plea of the children was not for food or medical attention, but for education.

The research further revealed that the "importance put on education by the children, youth and women interviewed points out another dimension that is missing from the impoverishment, risk and reconstruction model of intervention, as it tends to focus on immediate material and social survival needs and adopts a very short-term point of view."

The education of the children underwent unnecessary disruption. The period of time varied with more than 55 percent out of school for less than a month, and almost 20 percent, from 1-2 months. However, about 17 percent have lost at least a year of schooling.

Since basic social facilities and services were largely destroyed by the war and have not been rehabilitated until today, housing, water systems, recreational facilities, livelihood sources and health centers were among those also identified by the children as needs and problems.

Perhaps, alongside the rehabilitation, there should be a clear priority in the post-conflict recovery program. Unfortunately, a "post-conflict" era in certain areas in North Cotabato and Maguindanao seems very elusive.

Even before one chapter in the war history of those places could be brought to a close, another one is unfolding.

The people in the areas concerned are praying hard that the new conflict would not turn for the worst—for the sake of the children.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The MSU-IIT and NDU research is drawn from the work of the Community and Family Services International, an international NGO that is helping people cope with the effects of war. It draws financial grant from the World Bank's post-conflict fund.)

Diversity and oneness in Dipolog's P'gsalabuk Festival

P'GSALABUK street dancing in Dipolog City

ERIK ARAZAS

By Lullie A. Micabalo
Dipolog City

"ONENESS" amid cultural differences and preservation of one's culture is what P'gsalabuk is to the people of Dipolog City and Zamboanga del Norte.

On Friday, on the eve of the Feast of Saint Vincent, patron saint of the predominantly Roman Catholic city of Dipolog, P'gsalabuk, Subanen for oneness, was held for the fifth straight year.

Danilo Sostinto, city tourism officer, said the event was one of the city's many efforts to preserve the unity of its people despite their diverse cultures.

This diversity was showcased during the street dancing competition where participants from various tribal groups displayed their culture, punctuated by colorful native costumes.

"We were able to preserve our oneness because we respect each other's culture, be it Subanen, Muslim, Christian or Chinese," Sostinto said.

Mayor Roberto Uy said the people in the city and the province live harmoniously.

While some areas in Mindanao experience bombings and other terrorist acts, the people in Dipolog live in peace.

"(Because the) people are one in protecting it from lawless elements," Uy said.

The provincial office of the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) said the Subanen were the original settlers of the city. The word Dipag, the city's original name, means river in the Subanen language.

Farolito Esaw, NCIP officer, said that even with the influx of settlers, the Subanen still comprised a significant part of the population. Of the city's more than 100,000 people, 31 percent are Subanen.

But Christian settlers drove many of them to the highlands where most of them live today.

Esaw said the Subanen still practiced their customary unwritten laws.

"There's still the *pasala*, the practice of giving (a) small amount to the aggrieved by the accused. The case is settled by the *timuay* (leader) in the community. The *dagaon*, in which a chicken or pig is butchered after a reconciliation is reached by warring neighbors," he said.

Butuan's top fashion designer

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
Butuan City

IF YOU are a lady (or a gentleman) bound for an altar date and you want to look your best, who do you need to call? Alberto "Bong" Enriquez, that's who.

Bong, who is Butuan City's leading fashion designer, is a veteran artist who started his work in 1985.

A graduate of Slims Fashion Institute in Manila, Bong chose to come home and set up his own shop, catering to the needs and services of the AB crowd.

Bong remembers the mid-1980s and early 1990s as productive years for him until the controversial logging ban was enforced.

"Business slowed down when the log ban was imposed. Economy does affect the fashion outlook of the people," he said.

But a real talent will shine amid the dark skies, and Bong remained in demand for his wedding gowns and ensemble and dresses for special occasions.

BUTUAN'S fashion designer Bong Enriquez

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"My made-to-order dresses orders ebbed but my special gowns orders rose," he said.

Today, Bong never loses a month of bridal gowns orders.

"I am blessed that my clients put a good word for me on their friends and they come to me as well."

His clients come from as far as Misamis Oriental and the two Surigao and Agusan provinces.

Quality, style and comfort are Bong's main fashion philosophy that endeared him to his clients through the years.

"Bong always gives his best by giving sensible and honest opinions to the brides-to-be," said a client-friend.

Craftsmanship is undoubtedly one of Bong's strength in the business. He attributes this to the men and women he has worked with. "My sewers and bead makers have been with me for 15 to 5 years, the least. I can depend on them thoroughly."

As leader of the local fashion designers group and chair of the Mutya ng Caraga Foundation, Bong aspires to elevate the local fashion taste and add some sensibility to it.

For the bridal and formal wear lines, for instance, Bong has come up with an indigenous inspired trademark, one that reflects the blending of Western and local cultures.

"I would like to explore more on the tribal textures and motifs and mix them with the traditional contemporary bridal designs."

His big dream at the moment is to come up with a bridal show sometime this year or early next year. "This would help the women (and men) find new and exciting wedding fashion options," he said.

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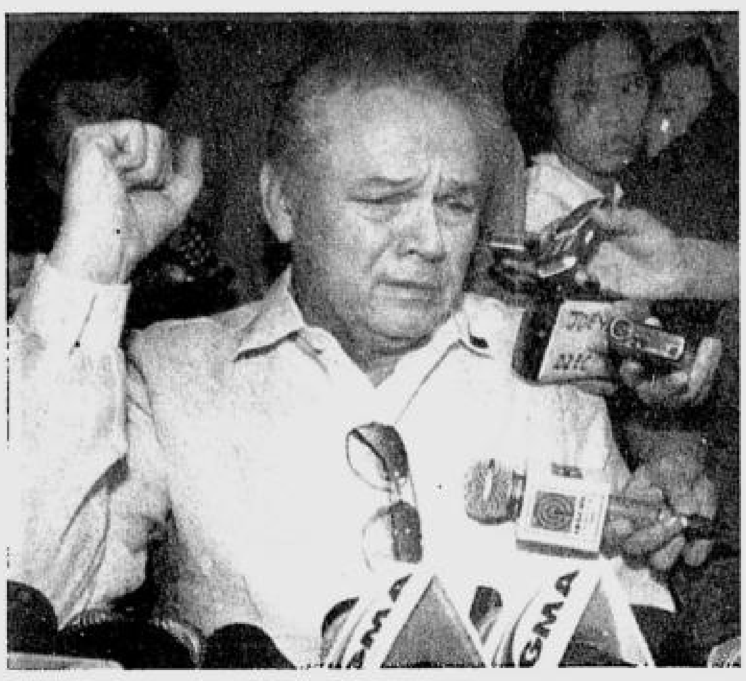
No bail for Strunk, rules US court



ROD Strunk protesting his innocence during a November 2001 press conference. PDI FILE PHOTO

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The judge said introduction of any more "inconsistent evidence" could put the "competency of the government's evidence . . . beyond rescue."

A US attorney's spokesperson couldn't be reached by The Associated Press in California for comment on the bail ruling.

Strunk's lawyer, Jeffrey Kravitz, said he was happy to see the judge having doubts about the evidence needed for extradition, but added, "I'm not happy they're not releasing him on bail."

US marshals, acting at the request of the Philippine justice department, arrested Strunk last May 13 in Tracy, about 100 km east of San Francisco. He is the main suspect in the Nov. 7, 2001, killing of Blanca.

Strunk, Philip Medel and two unidentified persons have been charged before the Pasig City regional trial court for the murder.

In Manila, National Bureau of Investigation Director Reynaldo Wycoco welcomed the court's decision, saying it "upholds our findings that there was probable cause" to file charges against Strunk.

Wycoco said all the US court has to do is to find probable cause against Strunk for it to agree to his extradition.

"I would assume they saw that the evidence was strong. That's why they ruled that way," Wycoco said.

The Philippine DOJ will submit to US officials Strunk's letter, signed by his lawyers, which signified his intention to return to the country if he was needed in the investigation in the murder of his wife.

State Prosecutor Mark E. Jalandoni said the letter will prove that Strunk is a "flight risk" since he promised to return to the country but did not.

Strunk sent the letter to the NBI after he left for California to take care of his ailing mother.

His mother has since died but Strunk refused to go back to the Philippines after he was charged with murder. Strunk has said he does not expect to get justice in the country.

Reports from AP and Philip Tubeza

Women in pants behind world's woes

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that also condemned human rights as an "abomination before God."

"The Bible says curse be unto a woman who wears pants, and those who wear their husband's clothes. That is why the world is in such a state today," Mswati, ruler of the impoverished feudal nation of about one million, said.

The monarch, who reigns supreme in the landlocked country run by palace appointees and where opposition parties are banned, went on to criticize the human rights movement.

"What rights? God created people, and He gave them their roles in society. You cannot change what God has created. This is an abomination before God," the king said.

Women in the capital Mbabane were not impressed.

"The king says I am the cause of the world's problems because of my outfit. Never mind terrorism, government corruption, poverty and disease; it's me and my pants. I reject that," said Thob'sile Dlamini.

Mswati is Africa's last absolute monarch.

He is currently married to nine wives, with a pending wedding for wife number 10.

To top it off, he has also chosen an additional fiancee after reviewing videos of topless maidens performing a traditional reed dance ceremony.

Swaziland is a small country located between South Africa in the west and Mozambique in the east. *Reuters*

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ment "your life will never be the same again. It's not everyday that you lose all who matter to you."

For the next two years after her rescue, Lilibeth never uttered a word but the Gordon family thought it was simply her way of dealing with the trauma, Dick Gordon said.

In truth, she was coping with the tragedy by cursing God.

"I usually locked myself in my room and cursed God," Lilibeth told the INQUIRER. "I gave Him dagger looks and spat whenever I passed by a church or saw a cross or anything that reminded me of Him."

The fury raged on for the next three years or so until one school activity brought her back to her senses. She was asked to share her experience before members of a religious organization. And she felt very good about it. Getting it off her chest was cathartic, healing. Time, she realized, could be the great healer.

"After that, I began seeing things in a positive light," she said. "I realized I wasn't really orphaned because I found a new family shortly after I lost my real one."

The Gordons were the nicest and most willing surrogates for her family, she said.

Kate and her husband Dick treated her like their own daughter, not as a housemate, she recalled. They gave her a room stuffed with toys at the family's ancestral home in Olongapo. To fill up the vacuum, the Gordons set up family gatherings. Kate Gordon showered her with letters and jewels on her birthday.

"We had to do everything to make her feel that we were there for her, that she didn't really lose her family," Gordon said.

Lilibeth reciprocated by being an obedient ward. She went out only with friends Mrs. Gordon knew. She called the couple mom and dad, knowing that meant a lot to them.

The family later sent her to Stella Maris and Maryknoll but the schools refused her because she had lost her birth certificate in the sea tragedy.

She ended up studying at the Quirino Elementary School in Manila, and at Columban in Olongapo where the Gordon kids also graduated from high school.

She took up a two-year computer course at Columban before enrolling at the Philippine College of Health and Sciences in Manila in 1997 for a physical therapy degree.

She wasn't exactly the brightest in class but made a lasting impression nonetheless. Friends and teachers remember her best for her good nature and serenity as if she never had the turbulent childhood experience.

Last May 6, she graduated from college. Lilibeth got an unexpected gift from the Gordon family on graduation day. The day before, she was told that the Gordons were too busy to attend. Kate couldn't leave Olongapo where she's now the mayor. Dick Gordon, now the tourism secretary, had an appointment in Malacañang that day.

They were not lying but they didn't want to disappoint their adopted child. They decided that one of them had to be there for her graduation.

Minutes before Lilibeth was to receive her diploma, the emcee announced the arrival of Gordon, which put her on the verge of tears.

When her name was finally called, Gordon walked to the stage a proud father, and handed her her diploma. Lilibeth couldn't hold back the tears.

Such a gesture of thoughtfulness was precious specially since Lilibeth realized it came from someone who had absolutely no obligation to care for someone like her who was a complete stranger.

Memories of the tragedy die hard. Even the Gordons cannot erase the memories. But in time, Lilibeth now knows there would be no reason for her to cling to them. She now knows with gratitude that the Gordons had been the instruments of mercy and caring of Lilibeth's once despised God.

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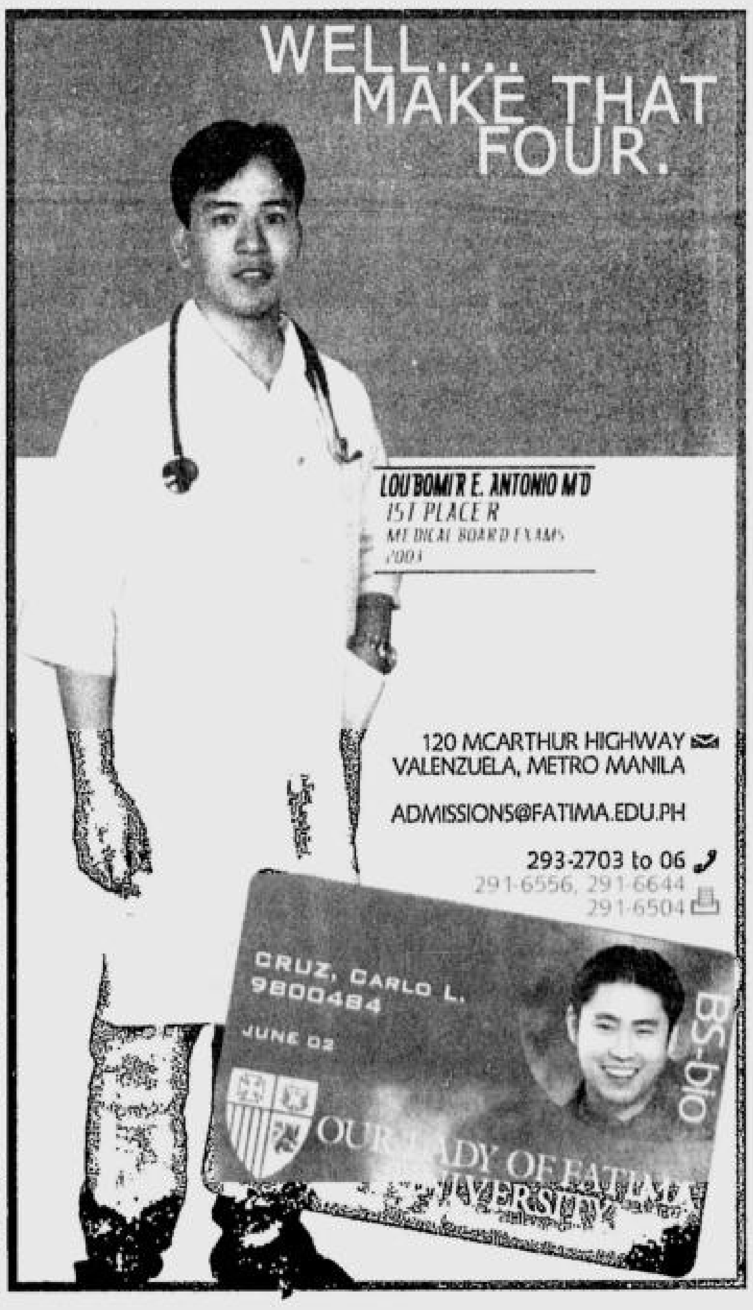

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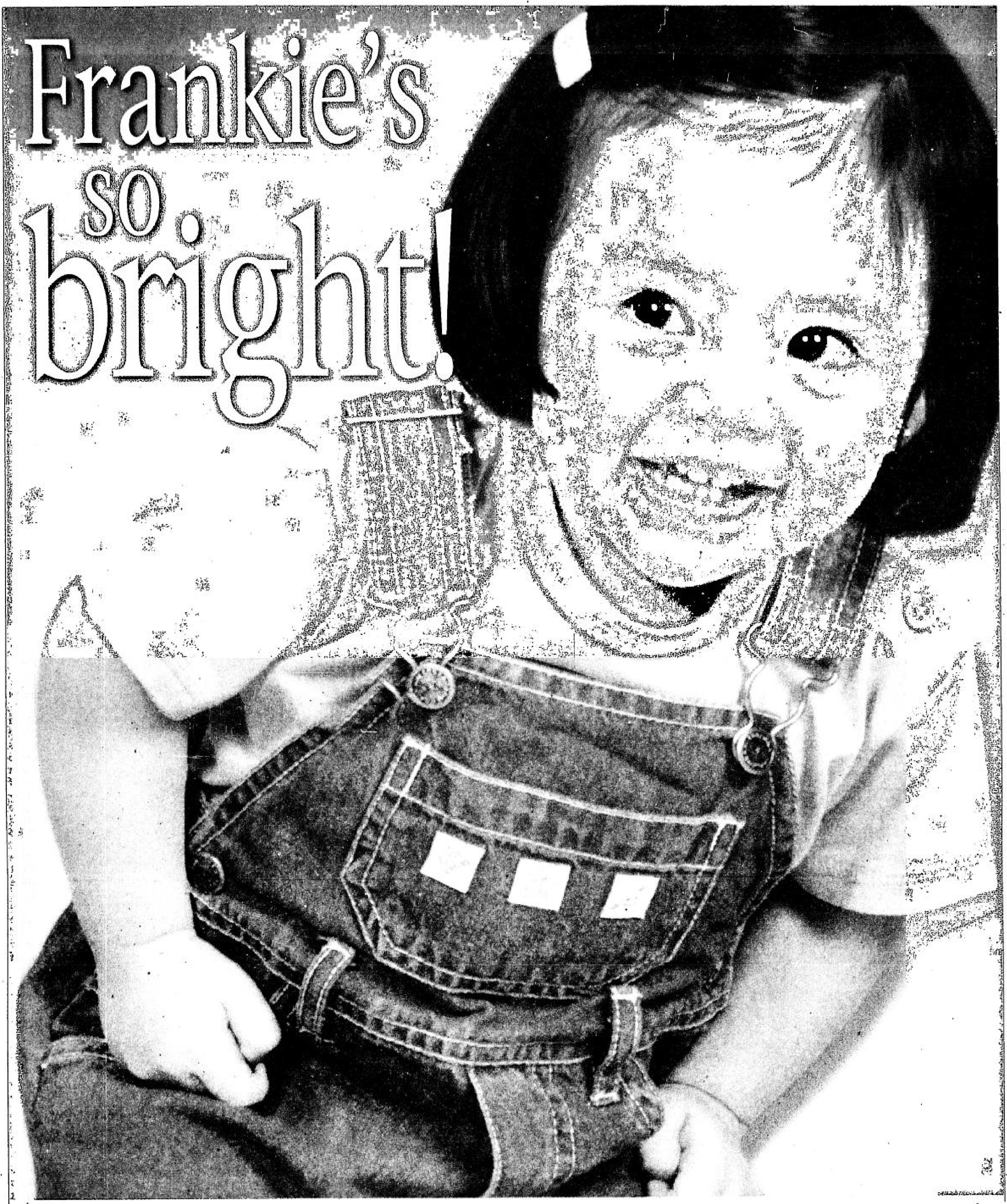

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Key members back RP as OIC observer

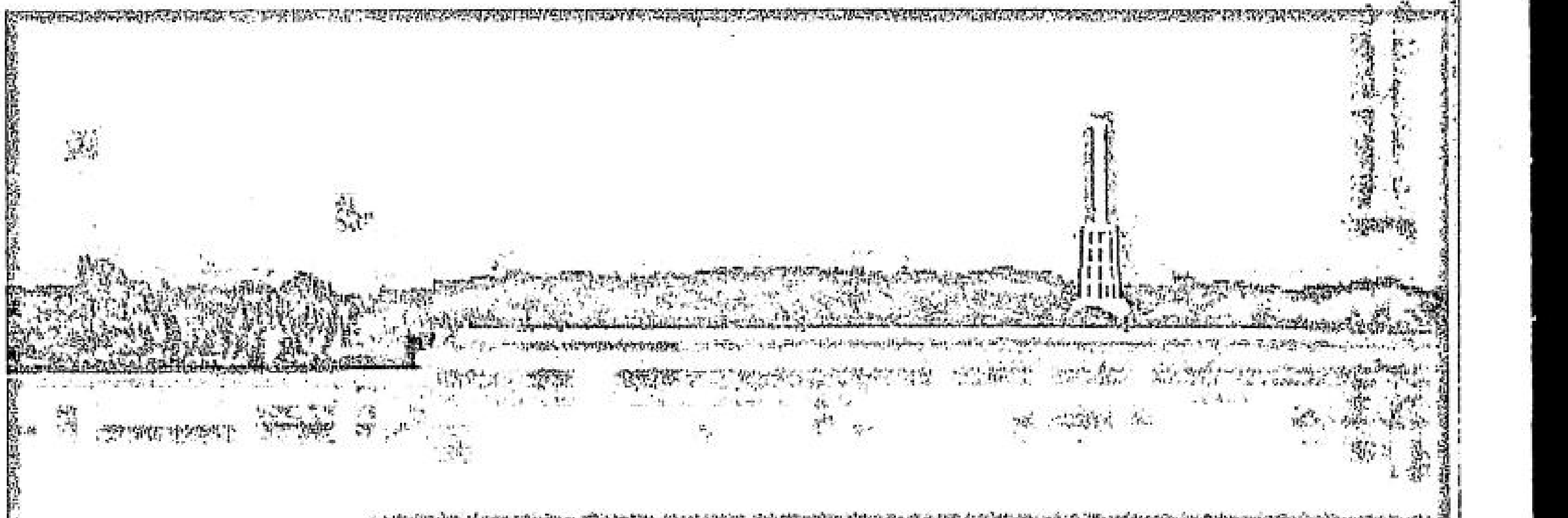
KEY members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) have voiced support for the Philippines' application for observer status in the 57-member group, Foreign Secretary Blas Ople said yesterday.

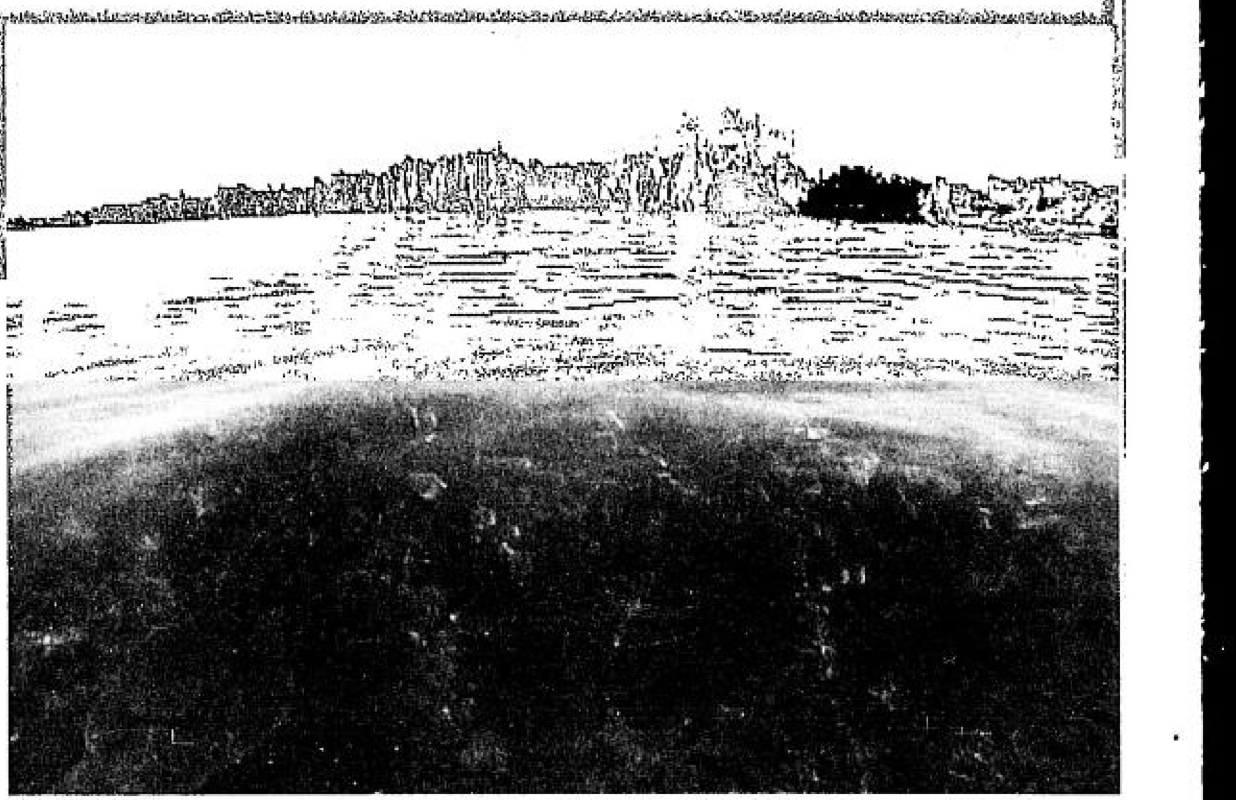
In a statement from Tehran, where he is attending a plenary of OIC foreign ministers, Ople said he had met with his counterparts from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Senegal, as well as those from fellow Asean members Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia, and all were "generally supportive" of the Philippines' bid.

"During my meetings, these key leaders of the OIC welcomed our application, and to one degree or another, they were supportive of our efforts," he said . "We have just formally started our application process, and we will now have to observe the appropriate procedure."

Ople said his counterparts from Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia also "listened very carefully to the reasons for our application and expressed full understanding of our desire to increase our engagement with the OIC."

The OIC has tried to bring peace to the troubled South, where the Moro Islamic Liberation Front has been waging a decades-long rebellion aimed at establishing an independent state. *AFP, Philip Tubeza*





LIGHTHOUSE on Apo Island (above); and the Apo Reef (right)

19 dead in MILF attack

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ders on the ceasefire by June 2.

"We are sure that by that date, all our military action against the government will cease," he said.

The MILF announced on Wednesday the 10-day unilateral ceasefire starting June 2. But it demanded the withdrawal of troops from guerrilla areas and the recall of arrest warrants for rebel leaders.

President Macapagal-Arroyo made a counter-offer of a permanent truce leading to the signing of a final peace accord. She also demanded that the rebels show sincerity.

On Thursday, MILF rebels attacked two Army positions in Carmen, North Cotabato, killing at least five civilians nearby. Soldiers killed at least five of the attackers.

The assault angered the President.

"We will not stand for double talk," she said in a statement Friday. "It is clear that the declaration of a ceasefire by the MILF is a ploy and a tactical ruse ... Unless proof of sincerity is shown, punitive actions will continue."

Ms Macapagal earlier gave the MILF central committee until today to issue a written declaration renouncing terrorism and terrorist links, to disclose the rebels' positions, and to surrender the perpetrators of the attacks on civilians last month in Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte, and in Maigo, Lanao del Norte.

MILF leaders have denied any connection to terrorist attacks.

Threat stands

Malacañang's threat to declare the MILF a terrorist organization still stands, the President's spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said in an interview over Radio Mindanao Network yesterday.

He said Ms Macapagal was just waiting for Foreign Secretary Blas Ople, who attended the just concluded Organization of the Islamic Conference foreign ministers' meeting in Tehran.

The OIC, through its Committee of the Eight, monitors the Philippine government's efforts to make peace with Moro rebels in Mindanao.

"The conditions have not changed. We're just waiting for the positive input of Secretary Ople ... After we get his input, our position after June 1 will be clear," Bunye said.

He also said the MILF made the "false" offer of a unilateral ceasefire "for the consumption only of the OIC."

Ople, the first Philippine foreign secretary invited as a "guest" to the OIC meeting, was to present proof of the MILF's terrorist activities before the group's foreign ministers.

No MILF leader was invited to the meeting.

Peace talks

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said the US government was willing to broker the peace process in Mindanao but was worried that it might offend Malaysia.

"This was confirmed to me by US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone" during a wedding in Pasay City on Thursday, Pimentel said in a phone interview.

However, he said, Washington was worried that it might offend Malaysia, which is now mediating the peace process.

"The US doesn't want Malaysia to get slighted ... by its presence in Mindanao," Pimentel said, quoting Ricciardone.

The senator said this issue should be "threshed out somehow."

He pointed out that the United States was careful not to antagonize the predominantly Muslim nation because "the US, with all of its clout as the lone superpower, is trying to downplay this image."

He said the Americans did not want to "force their way into any situation, especially in conflicts involving [Muslims]."

As for the ceasefire announced by the MILF, Pimentel said: "Its leadership should assert control over its officers on the ground to ensure that it can enforce this."

He said the conflicting moves of the rebels had "seriously undermined their credibility."

"If the rebel fighters will keep on launching attacks, you cannot blame the government for saying that the MILF is engaged in deceit," he added.

Disarray

In Iligan City, military officials said the MILF in Lanao del Norte was in disarray following intense military offensives.

Col. Ernesto Boac, chief of the Army's 401st Infantry Brigade, said the desire by some MILF leaders to surrender was also causing rifts within the group.

He named one of the "exiting" commanders as Minsupala, alleged chief of the MILF's 503rd Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces.

Boac said some mayors in the Lanao provinces had given Minsupala "three days to make up his mind."

"Minsupala has two choices; either to continue fighting the government, or return to the mainstream of society and fold of the law", Boac added.

Minsupala was allegedly one of the leaders of the April 24 attack in Maigo, which killed at least 16 people.

The 4th municipal circuit trial court of Maigo, Bacolod and Munai has ordered his arrest along with MILF leaders Abdurahman Macapaar and Lucsadatu Yahya. *Reports from Edwin Fernandez, Aquiles Z. Zonio, Grace C. Albasin and Jeffrey P. Maningo, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Michael Lim Ubac in Manila; AP*

SOLDIERS unload from a helicopter the body of a militiaman killed in the Maguindanao ambush.

OBLIVIOUS to the violence around him, a boy sleeps soundly at the Buisan evacuation center in Pikit, North Cotabato.

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Nature's defenders ...

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against the Tiara II, whose passengers were caught spearfishing while diving in Apo Reef last Holy Week, is only the latest incident.

With recreational scuba divers raising funds to support a legal case against the spearfishers, the status of the Philippines' Protected Areas (PAs) and their guardians, the Pasu, has come into focus.

The protection and maintenance of a PA is a complex matter. Once one is established, a portion of the General Appropriations Act is set aside for it. But in reality, PAs run on very little or no funding. Because the budget is not enough, PAs are allowed by law to undertake separate income-raising activities (charging park/user fees, or establishing partnership with private groups or government aid agencies through project agreements).

At present, much of the developmental support for park initiatives (conservation, enforcement, etc.) comes from these other sources of income.

Mamuntos serves as a Pasu in addition to his real job as a community environment and natural resources officer of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

He has a regular staff of only four people helping him manage a 27,469-hectare park.

He has two boats, armed with a few government-issued weapons, for the 24-hour patrols. But one boat has broken down and is in need of repair.

A smaller banca makes the regular three-hour, 42-km trip between the island and the mainland to get water and supplies. Although the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines recently helped put up a solar power facility on the island to provide electricity, water is still a problem.

Money woes

Mamuntos marks his first year as Apo Reef Pasu on June 24.

He came on board just as the money from a grant from the Conservation of Priority Protected Areas Projects, with support from the Global Environmental Facility, ran out. The funding, which lasted for seven years, had to be split with 10 other PAs. Mamuntos has had to lay off several workers. A few have remained as volunteers, and he has had to shoulder their food expenses.

The local government has assumed the task of paying two boatmen and a casual employee. The salary: P4,500 a month, sometimes received behind schedule.

Mamuntos owes the local gas station P45,000 (gasoline expenses for maintaining the patrol vehicles run up to P15,000 a month).

"My biggest problem is the expenses and the salaries of the workers," he says. "That's why I tell them, 'We will not abandon each other.' But we are really having a hard time."

As a result, Mamuntos made sure to hire only unmarried young men as staffers for the island. "You cannot support a family with this salary, and with these working hours," he says.

In a letter to Environment Secretary Elisea Gozon seeking additional help, WWF Conservation Standards desk officer Ajit Rye gave credit to the Apo Reef team for making do.

"But the stress caused by hard working conditions may be already too much for them to deal with heavily armed and influential persons who use protected areas as their playground. We need the DENR top brass to deal with these people," Rye wrote.

A government budget cut for PAs will not likely have a direct effect on the PA funding for its work. It will, however, directly affect the salaries of the Pasu and his staff.

Nationwide scale

Mamuntos' case is echoed in PAs all over the country.

In the Turtle Islands, the Pasu works alone, with no rangers to back him. And he works not on the islands themselves but in Zamboanga because there is no budget for site operations.

In Malampaya Sound, Palawan, the Pasu office is similarly incapacitated. With little financial and technical support from the national government, the Pasu has depended on the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)—as well as the councilors, barangay captains and *tanod*, and indigenous people—for enforcement.

The PAMB is composed of stakeholders from the government, the private sector, people's organizations and local government units.

El Nido's Pasu also runs on support from its PAMB members. But what makes it unique is the manner in which it raises funds for enforcement.

When a boat violating municipal water laws is apprehended, instead of filing a case in court (which rarely amounts to anything), the municipal government imposes a fine of P2,500 per person. Half of the money goes to a municipal trust fund for environmental concerns, and the other half, to the apprehending team.

The fines have paid for the salaries of the rangers, who have not received support from the DENR since this year began.

Wealth and power

As of 1998, there were over 280 PAs in the Philippines, ranging from marine parks to forests and other ecological systems.

Section 4 of the National Integrated Protected Areas Systems Act of 1992 defines a PA as a portion of land and water set aside by reasons of its unique physical and biological significance, managed to enhance biological diversity, and protected against destructive human exploitation.

So why did the now-infamous Apo Reef incident happen?

"This happens almost daily in virtually all protected areas of the country," says WWF Philippines president Jose Maria Lorenzo Tan. "Why? Poverty coupled with unscrupulous illegal traders of timber, wildlife and marine resources. Population pressure makes it worse, as do conflicting national laws layered one on top of the other."

But according to Tan, the spearfishing incident stands out because it involves rich people who break laws with impunity.

"We all see wealthy and powerful individuals acting like they are above the law," he says.

"*Nakalusot* (They got away with it)," Gozon says by way of confirmation.

"The DENR cannot be everywhere every time. That's why we need everybody's help to raise everyone's awareness, especially at community levels," she says.

As for the case filed against the Tiara II, Gozon says the DENR is compiling documents and affidavits requesting the cancellation of the boat's license, which was issued by the Coast Guard.

The Tiara II is registered as an auxiliary Coast Guard vessel.

Implementation

"The biggest shortfall is in implementation," says the WWF's Tan. "Millions are spent to draft laws that are just not workable. Some people in the national government don't seem to recognize the direct link between sustainable management of natural resources and food security. So you have situations where the Department of Agriculture and the DENR are doing everything they can to fulfill their mandates, but basic requirements such as salaries are cut by the budget department."

Gozon is aware of the situation: "As you know, any operation of government is dependent on resources available, and we cannot protect everything. We have one forest guard for every 4,000 hectares, and he does his work on foot. The boats we use to protect areas are slow, and the people engaged in illegal activities have more modern facilities. If there's gunfire, how do you chase them?"

In the meantime, Mamuntos keeps busy "implementing the law and protecting the biodiversity of our natural parks," as he describes his work.

He has been with the DENR for 27 years now, having started as a casual forester in 1976. Although he was born in Baler, Quezon, and his wife and two children are based in Lucena, he didn't complain when he was assigned to handle Apo Reef.

He visits his wife and children once every three weeks. "They're used to it," he says. "It would be nice if I could be transferred back near them. But somebody has to do this jbb."

Wayward tanker jams SLEX traffic

By Leila B. Salaverria

A TANKER carrying liquefied petroleum gas fell off a bridge in Biñan, Laguna, along the South Luzon Expressway past midnight yesterday and landed on shanties below, killing one person and injuring eight others.

The accident stalled traffic on both lanes of the expressway almost the whole day yesterday.

Orly Lanuza of the Philippine National Construction Corp. told the INQUIRER that the truck fell off the bridge at around 12:18 a.m. when it tried to avoid a Toyota Corona (PVM-800) that had swerved after being hit by another van.

While the van sped off, the Corona hit the bridge's railings and went into a spin.

Daniel Termines, the truck driver, tried to avoid the spinning car but also hit the bridge's railings, which broke, and dove into at least four shanties below.

Killed was Rosita Orense, 32, who was sleeping when the truck hit her shanty. Termines was unhurt.

As of yesterday afternoon, Lanuza said the tanker has yet to be removed from its perch.

Lawyer Aileen Mendoza told the INQUIRER she left Ortigas at around 10 a.m. to attend a birthday party in Calamba but was still in Susana Heights at 6 p.m.

"If this (jam) happens every time there's an accident, it's so discouraging to pay the toll," Mendoza said.

Fire trucks were also sent to the accident site in case of a fire.

With a report from Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon

REFRESHING RIDE

Father and daughter go for a ride along the Marikina River Park, one of the bicycle lanes in Marikina. The city plans to have 66 kilometers of bicycle lanes by next year. ED SANTIAGO

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You bike, I bike, we all bike

By Elvira Mata
Contributor

EVERY Saturday since January, the children of Marikina ages 8 to 15 attend a half-day bicycle clinic called "Safe Cycling for Kids."

They meet as early as 6 a.m. at the Marikina Sports Center, they first listen to a short lecture on the proper way to ride a bicycle in traffic, and then they're off. First, around the bike track in the sports center's oval, and then up and down Marikina riverbanks which has 2.5 km-long bicycle lane.

What's remarkable about the clinic is that 50 bikes with matching helmets are lent out to kids for free. Of course, if you can afford it, it's better to bring your own bike, because sometimes, as many as 75 kids show up and they have to share the bicycles.

Last week, before typhoon Chedeng brought all that rain, some 50 kids, accompanied by 10 bike marshals, cycled all the way from Marikina to the backwoods of Old Balara to UP Diliman.

So much green

"The kids loved it. They've never seen so much green in the city. We stopped several times to admire the trees. It's a good way to teach kids about the environment. When we reached UP, they learned how to coexist with cars on the road. They ride on the right side, they stop at posted or signaled intersections, they signal before turning, etc.," narrates Lota Contreras, officer-in-charge of the Marikina City Bikeways Office.

The only office of its kind in the country, it is tasked with designing and operating 66 kms of bicycle trails and designated lanes in the city and to promote biking as an alternative mode of getting around the community.

"We have a shortage of public transport in Marikina. On school days, you see kids hanging on to jeepneys. We thought, why not encourage them to ride bicycles instead? We started the bicycle clinic to educate kids on how to properly drive a bicycle and for them to have fun. Our ultimate goal is to get the kids to bike to school," Contreras reveals.

Her staff of 10 accompanies the kids on Saturdays. A few ride in front, others alongside and at the back is OIC Contreras herself in a truck.

"I am not that young anymore," she says with a smile. "The truck follows behind so if someone falls or one of the bikes get a flat, they don't get left behind. We load biker and bike on the truck."

Bike to school

In the latter part of June or early July, as soon as the kids are settled in, the city will launch its bike to school program with the cooperation of the school principals, the parents and the kids of course.

"We're starting with Barangays Parang, Marikina Heights and Malanday. We made a survey and found out that 80 percent of the kids in this area know how to ride a bike. Problem is they don't have bicycles. We will lend them bikes, three days at a time (parents have to sign an agreement that they will be responsible for the bike), so they can bike to school and back.

"Since we don't have enough bikes, the kids will take turns. But since we only have 50 bikes and our survey says there are about 6,000 kids in these barangays, we need more bikes. Hopefully, the parents will be able to buy their kids bicycles and helmets (basic bike costs P1,500; helmet, P350), or maybe, there will be people good enough to donate their old bicycles," Contreras says.

At present, there are seven kilometers of bike lanes around Marikina. They include a part of Sumulong Highway (from Shoe Ave. to Sto. Niño which was World Bank-funded); Balanti bikeways which runs along Balanti Creek bordering Concepcion Dos; Lilac Street toward Katipunan Ave., Isiw Creek going to Bayan-bayanan.

Another 5.4 kms will be constructed at the end of the year in the following areas: Bayan-bayanan Ave., Gen. Ordoñez St. and Katipunan Ave. Their ultimate goal is to have

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Lina to purge police ranks of addicts

By Alcuin Papa

THE DAYS of policemen who engage in substance abuse may be numbered.

The Department of Interior and Local Government yesterday issued a stern warning to erring lawmen that a crackdown on the police force is in the offing.

Local Government Secretary Joey Lina said suspected drug users in the ranks of the Philippine National Police have one week beginning Monday to submit themselves to drug testing or rehabilitation.

Otherwise, they would face administrative and criminal cases which could lead to their dismissal from the force, Lina said.

Lina said that no lawman who habitually use illegal drugs would be charged if he would submit himself to rehabilitation from June 2 to June 9.

After the deadline, the DILG chief said, those who would test positive in the mandatory drug testing for all police personnel, would be harshly dealt with.

Lina's orders are contained in the implementing rules and regulations on the Renewed Campaign against Illegal Drugs, which were drawn up by Deputy Director General Edgar Aglipay, the new commander of the PNP Anti-Illegal Drugs Operations Task Force.

Aglipay had informed Lina that the implementing rules have already been submitted to President Macapagal-Arroyo for approval.

"Drug tests will be conducted in a random manner from top officials of the PNP, down to the precinct, station and barangay levels," Lina said. "If proven positive, they will face the full force of the law.

"How can they arrest and enforce the law on drug users, peddlers and dealers if they themselves break these laws against prohibited drugs?"

Lina, who is also chair of the Dangerous Drugs Board, also said officers and members of the DDB will not be spared in the mandatory drug testing.

The DILG chief also pointed out that communities nationwide are tasked to help the anti-drugs campaign.

Under the new implementing rules and regulations, barangay captains are directed to submit pertinent information against illegal drug users and peddlers in their areas.

Lina warned all barangay captains to clear their areas of illegal drugs.

He added that he would make public a list of communities with drug problems to warn the local officials.

METROBRIEFS

Ma, daughter killed in Pasig

A DRIVER of a speeding car ran over and killed a mother and a daughter who were on their way to church in Pasig City Friday morning. Aida Cinco, 57, and her daughter Araceli, 22, both residents of Barangay Dela Paz, Pasig City, were walking on the sidewalk of C. Raymundo Avenue, Barangay Caniogan, when Beau Baracoso, who was driving a green Honda City (UUY 452), hit the victims from behind at around 5:30 a.m. SPO3 Alexander Galang said Baracoso, 23, a resident of Life Homes Village, Barangay Rosario, lost control of the vehicle. Galang said the driver would be charged with two counts of reckless imprudence resulting to homicide. *Nelson Flores*

Man slain in QC melee

FOUR laborers engaged in a free-for-all after their drinking session in Quezon City Thursday night. Police said Marcos Mercado, 41, of Barangay Fairview, Quezon City, was stabbed and killed during the melee, while his companion, Arthuro Balunan, 17, was taken to the the East Avenue Medical Center for treatment of his stab wounds. PO2 Rommel Merino of the Central Police District said the victims and the suspects, identified only as Brando and Cerabia, began arguing among themselves while they were having a drink on Lilac Street at around 7 p.m. After exchanging blows with the victims, the two suspects retreated. But when they returned to the scene, they were carrying bolos which they used to hack the victims, police said. *Alcuin Papa*

Robbed in Caloocan

HEAVY RAINS on Wednesday night did not stop five men from robbing bus passengers and taxi drivers in Caloocan City. At around 6 p.m., two men held up eight passengers of a Victory Liner bus near the Manila Central University in Monumento, Caloocan, and fled with a loot amounting to some P2 million. The victims told police that the suspects were armed with handguns and grenades. Hours later taxi drivers George Salazar Jr., 34, of Barangay Veinte Reales, Valenzuela City, and Diosdado Labarda, 47, of Baesa, Caloocan, told police that they were held up by three men, whom they described as barely in their teens and armed with knives. Police said the suspects held up Salazar on Rizal Avenue Extension at around 9 p.m., and took the victim's earnings worth P2,000. An hour later, Labarda was robbed along 7th Avenue and lost his cash and and cellular phone. *Tina Santos*

Held up in Tondo

EDGAR Lacaya lost P75,000 to two unidentified gunmen who held him up as he was crossing a small street in Manila Tuesday night.

Lacaya, 31, an employee of Country Chicken restaurant on Mayhaligue Street, Tondo, Manila, had just closed shop and was bound for his employer's house just across the street from the restaurant when a man armed with a revolver blocked the victim's path and demanded the money from him at around 10 p.m., said SPO1 Celso Tan. As Lacaya handed over the money to the suspect, he saw the second suspect acting as a lookout. *Margaux Ortiz*

MAKATI City Mayor Jejomar Binay beams as sexy star Diana Zubiri holds up her newly minted passport and flashes a thumbs up sign at the Makati City Hall.

RANDY HORMILLOSA

Sexy star gets passport perks in Makati

By Leah Salterio

SEXY star Diana Zubiri got a passport for the first time yesterday with a big help from Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay.

Zubiri got the passport at a special mobile passport counter set up by the Department of Foreign Affairs at the Makati City Hall.

The counter was set up in line with the city's 333rd foundation day and was meant only for Makati residents.

Although not living in Makati, Zubiri, whose real name is Rosemarie Joy Garcia, accepted the request of Binay's office to get her passport there.

She came to the City Hall at 10 a.m. accompanied by her talent manager, Jojo Gabinete. She got her passport shortly after noon. Binay's office shouldered the P750 passport fee.

More than 1,000 applicants trooped to the passport counter. "It's really a one-day processing provided you submit all the necessary requirements," said DFA signing officer Honesto Ramos Jr.

No relocation, no demolition

By Tina Santos

URBAN poor families in Malabon who are about to lose their homes due to the government Metro-Clark rail project yesterday told government officials to tend to their relocation first before demolishing their houses.

"*Walang demolisyon kung walang relokasyon* (There must be no demolition if there is no place for us to relocate)," said Luz Loro of the Samahan ng mga Mamamayang Naninirahan sa Riles (Samanari).

Loro said that the informal dwellers she is representing are willing to resettle in a 12.5-hectare property in Tanza, Navotas.

But ranking officials of the North Luzon Railways Corp. has rejected the proposed site for three reasons: the property is still underwater; there is no right of way, and; there is a legal impediment surrounding the purchase of the property.

The NLRC is the government firm implementing the rehabilitation and modernization of the North and South railway systems in the country.

NLRC director Jerry Pelayo said the urban poor families would be better off if they settled at Towerville in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan.

But the informal dwellers rejected the site, saying it is too far from their places of work.

Loro said that the poor residents are earning meager salaries. She said if they were to settle at the site in Bulacan, they would each have to spend some P60 every day in transportation fare.

She added that Towerville is three hours away from Malabon.

Loro said that she and the other poor residents are hoping to come up with a viable resettlement plan when they meet with representatives of local government and national agencies.

Yesterday, Malabon-Navotas Rep. Ricky Sandoval came to the aid of the urban poor families and told them that the development of the Tanza property will be finished on schedule.

Vigilantes blamed for Laguna killings

A GROUP of vigilantes is believed to be behind the death of two suspected hijackers whose bodies were found on Friday in Calamba, Laguna.

Senior Supt. Generoso Calderon, police chief of Calamba, said the victims had gunshot and stab wounds in different parts of the bodies.

Both victims were also hogtied with nylon cords and blindfolded with packaging tapes, he said.

Calderon added that residents of Barangay Makiling found the bodies stuffed inside a white sack in a deserted place there.

Brown cartons were found hanging on the victims' necks.

Written in one of the cartons was the message, "Gud bye *mga kakosa kong* hijacker. *Mauuna na ako, ingat kayo. Alam na ng taong bayan kung sino kayo. Galit na talaga sila.*" (Goodbye fellow hijackers. I'll go ahead. Take care. The people already know who you are. They're really mad.)

Police found a spent slug of a .45-caliber pistol in the area.

Calderon said they would exert all efforts to identify the victims.

Police revealed that several car theft and hijack gangs are operating in Southern Tagalog region.

Earlier, two police officers died while conducting an operation to arrest the leader of the notorious gang of car thieves called the Galicia-Tolentino group in Barangay Puting Lupa, also in Calamba. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Tricycle operators air plea: No to phaseout

MEMBERS of the National Confederation of Tricycle Operators and Drivers Associations of the Philippines (NACTODAP) are seeking clarification on reports that the Land Transportation Office is no longer registering two-stroke tricycles.

In a statement sent to the INQUIRER, the group said they received reports quoting DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza as saying the LTO was no longer registering such tricycles.

The same reports, the group said, quoted Mendoza as saying also that the importation of such type of motorcycles would be banned.

Nactodap president Ariel Lim said the reported moves mean a "pure and simple phaseout" of two-stroke tricycles in the country.

He added a phaseout would displace the close to 4.7 million members of Nactodap and about three million dependents of tricycle operators and drivers.

He threatened to organize protest actions nationwide to dramatize their opposition to such moves.

The same statement quoted LTO Chief Roberto Lastimoso, however, as saying he had issued a clarification on the matter.

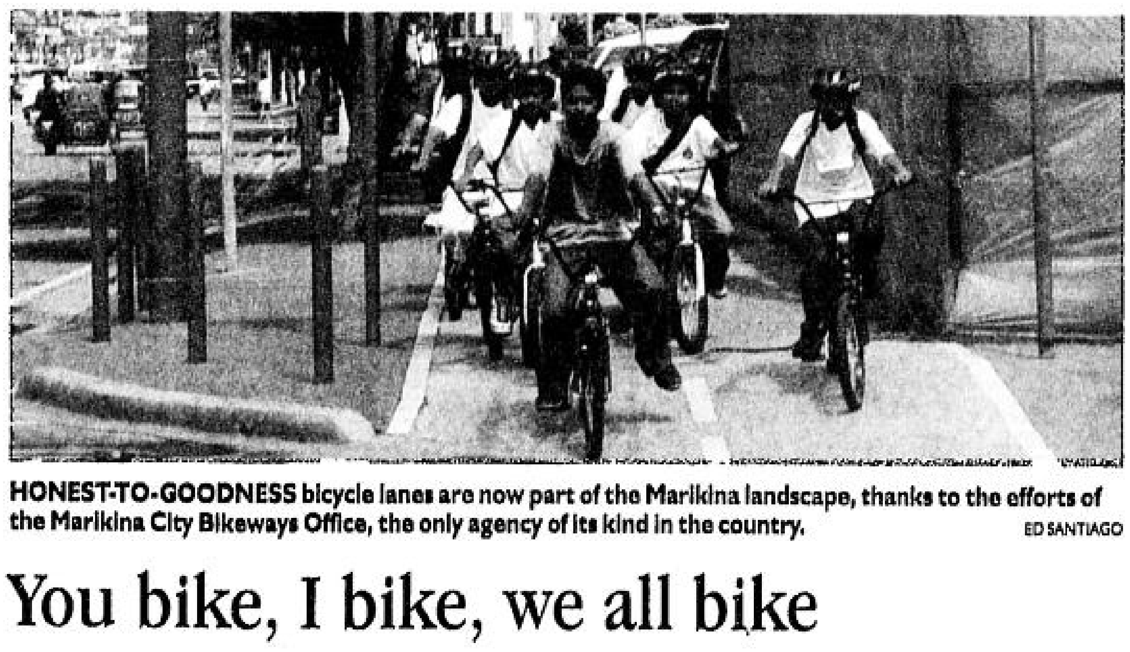
According to the statement, Lastimoso allegedly clarified that the LTO would continue to register two-stroke motorcycles already bought.

But Lastimoso, the statement said, a stressed that the government is discouraging individuals from buying such motorcycles.

In a letter to Mendoza last week, Lim deplored the conflicting statements, saying it only meant that the government was bent on phasing out two-stroke tricycles.

The statement said that in 1998, Congress initiated a "phaseout" plan for these tricycles, but abandoned it in view of mass protest actions staged by various tricycle operators and driver associations nationwide.

The Nactodap has been credited for staging the biggest protest rally ever held in Mendiola against this "phase-out" scheme, it was gathered.



HONEST-TO-GOODNESS bicycle lanes are now part of the Marikina landscape, thanks to the efforts of the Marikina City Bikeways Office, the only agency of its kind in the country.

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66 kms of bike lanes by year 2007. Marikina has received P472.5 million worth of the funds from the World Bank to build these bicycle lanes, with 20 percent of the total construction cost to be shouldered by the local government. The network will connect residential areas with factories, schools, markets, malls and the LRT 2 station.

Bike lanes will be constructed in three ways: By widening the road, by building a bike lane on the sidewalk, or by using the existing roadway apportioning 1.2 to 1.5 meters for the bike lane.

Right now, blue collar workers bike from their homes to Gen. Ordonez St. (formerly Molave) all the way to Parang where most of the factories are located.

Then of course, there are the sports enthusiasts who bike early mornings usually on Sundays, from the Riverbanks center, past the Marikina bridge, all the way to the Riverbanks park and back.

Contreras concludes: "Ultimately, we want more people in Marikina to accept, even prefer bicycles over cars or jeepneys to get around the city. We want to see kids biking to school, people going to market or the mall on bikes, and employees biking to the LRT 2 station, parking their bikes and taking the train to their place of work in Cubao or Makati."

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For more information about Safe Cycling for Kids or if you want to donate a bike, call the Marikina Bikeways Office at 646-0385.

Manila cops put together grisly jigsaw

By Jerome Aning

MANILA policemen yesterday said that the men who dismembered a woman's body that was found floating in the Pasig River, could be the same men responsible for the mutilation of another man, whose body washed up in Tondo on Friday.

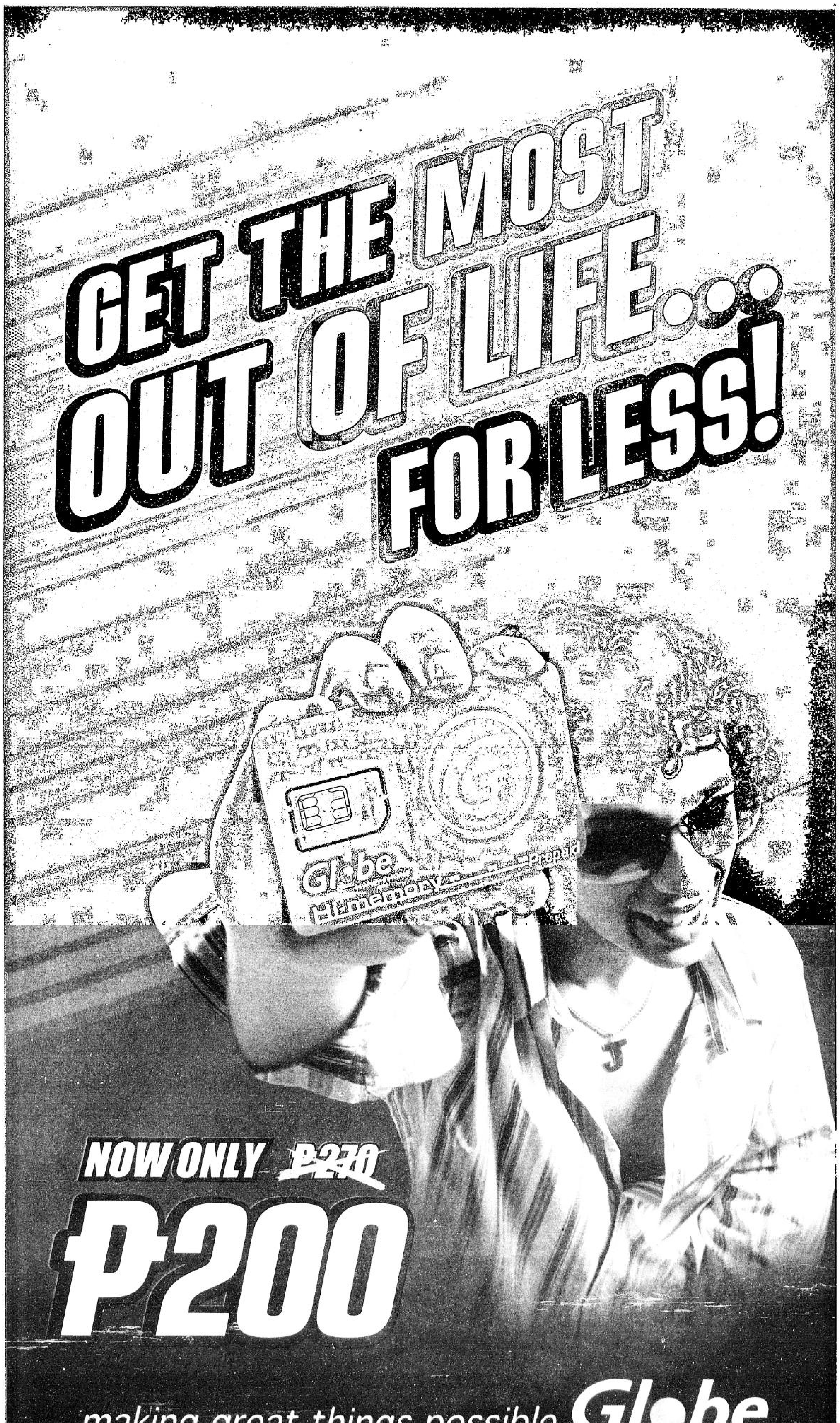
SPO2 Alfredo Salazar said the body parts were found by residents near the southern banks of the Pasig River.

He said the parts were probably dumped early morning of May 30 in the river and just floated to the areas where they were found.

The torso of a woman was found floating near the Baseco Compound at around 10:30 a.m. At 3 p.m., a man's torso was also found in the same area.

At 6 p.m., the limbs of a woman was found inside a sack floating in the river. The head of the woman wrapped in a sack was found later.

Salazar noted that the victims' limbs were "neatly severed" from the torsos.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Eala relents, offers review of drug rules

By June Navarro

SHORT of admitting procedural flaws in its drug testing program, PBA Commissioner Noli Eala yesterday opened the door for a thorough review of guidelines used during the mandatory drug check on the players.

Eala hatched the idea of scrutinizing the rules and policies of the PBA's anti-drug scheme a day after three high-profile players, who flunked the test, cried foul over the procedure undertaken by drug-testing officials.

"I firmly believe that we took the necessary steps to ensure that chances of committing procedural errors are slim. But just the same, I will look into the matter and do what has to be done," said Eala.

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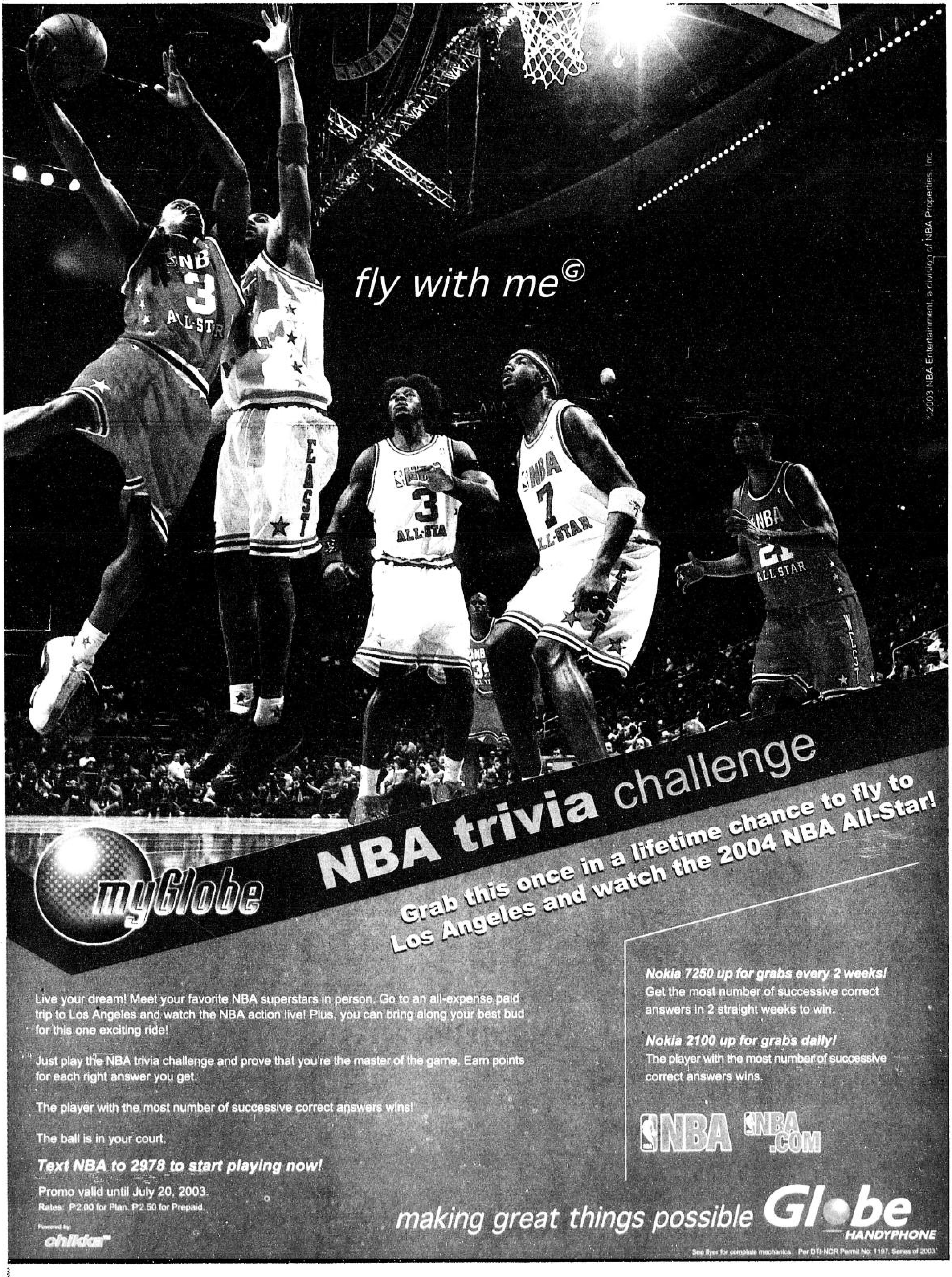

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The other Schumi takes pole position

MONACO—Germany's Ralf Schumacher, in a Williams-BMW, took pole position for Sunday's Monaco Grand Prix after Saturday's qualifying session.

World championship leader Kimi Raikkonen, in a McLaren-Mercedes, starts the race from second spot, with Williams' Juan Pablo Montoya in third.

Renault's Jarno Trulli qualified fourth and Ferrari's Michael Schumacher, seeking a fourth straight Formula One victory, was fifth in qualifying and will start from the third row alongside David Coulthard in a McLaren.

Saturday's session qualifying session was overshadowed by Jenson Button's spectacular crash in his BAR.

The BAR driver escaped injury but was taken to hospital for tests after skidding sideways at speed into the crash barriers at the exit to the tunnel.

He remained in the car, fully conscious, for 10 minutes while doctors tended to him.

He did not run in the final qualifying session as his team announced they have withdrawn him from the race. If he decides to race on Sunday, he will start at the pit lane because he has no qualifying time.

Button, 23, lost control of his car 20 minutes into the session as he exited the tunnel at the highest speed corner on the circuit and he hit the barriers heavily sideways at the end of the chicane.

The session was stopped immediately and marshals spent 10 minutes tending to Button in his car before he was cut out of the car and stretched into a waiting ambulance.

He was immetliately seen by the FIA medical delegate Professor Sid Watkins, who pronounced him fully conscious and in good condition.

BAR have been told that Button does not to have broken any bones.

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17. Olivier Panis (France) Toyota 1:17.464
18. Jos Verstappen (Netherlands) Minardi 1:18.706
19. Justin Wilson (Britain) Minardi 1:20.063

Jenson Button (Britain) BAR did not start. *Reuters*

Serena prevails in a hurry

PARIS—For the past year, Serena Williams has been winning every Grand Slam match. Now she's winning every game.

The defending champion routed Barbara Schett 6-0, 6-0 Friday, needing just 40 minutes to finish her third-round match at the French Open.

The victory was the 31st in a row at Grand Slam events for Williams, who is seeking her fifth consecutive major title.

"Today was just my day," Williams said. "Hopefully I can keep it up."

The top-seeded Williams lost only 14 points in the first set and six in the second. She won 12 points in a row at one stretch and hit 23 winners to two for Schett.

Given the way Williams played, maybe fellow American Meghann Shaughnessy caught a break by losing to No. 16-seeded Ai Sugiyama of Japan, 6-1, 6-4. Sugiyama faces Williams next.

On the men's side, Andre Agassi improved to 10-0 in major events this year by beating No. 26 Xavier Malisse 6-4, 7-5, 7-5. The stylish Belgian lost despite hitting 13 aces and 55 winners.

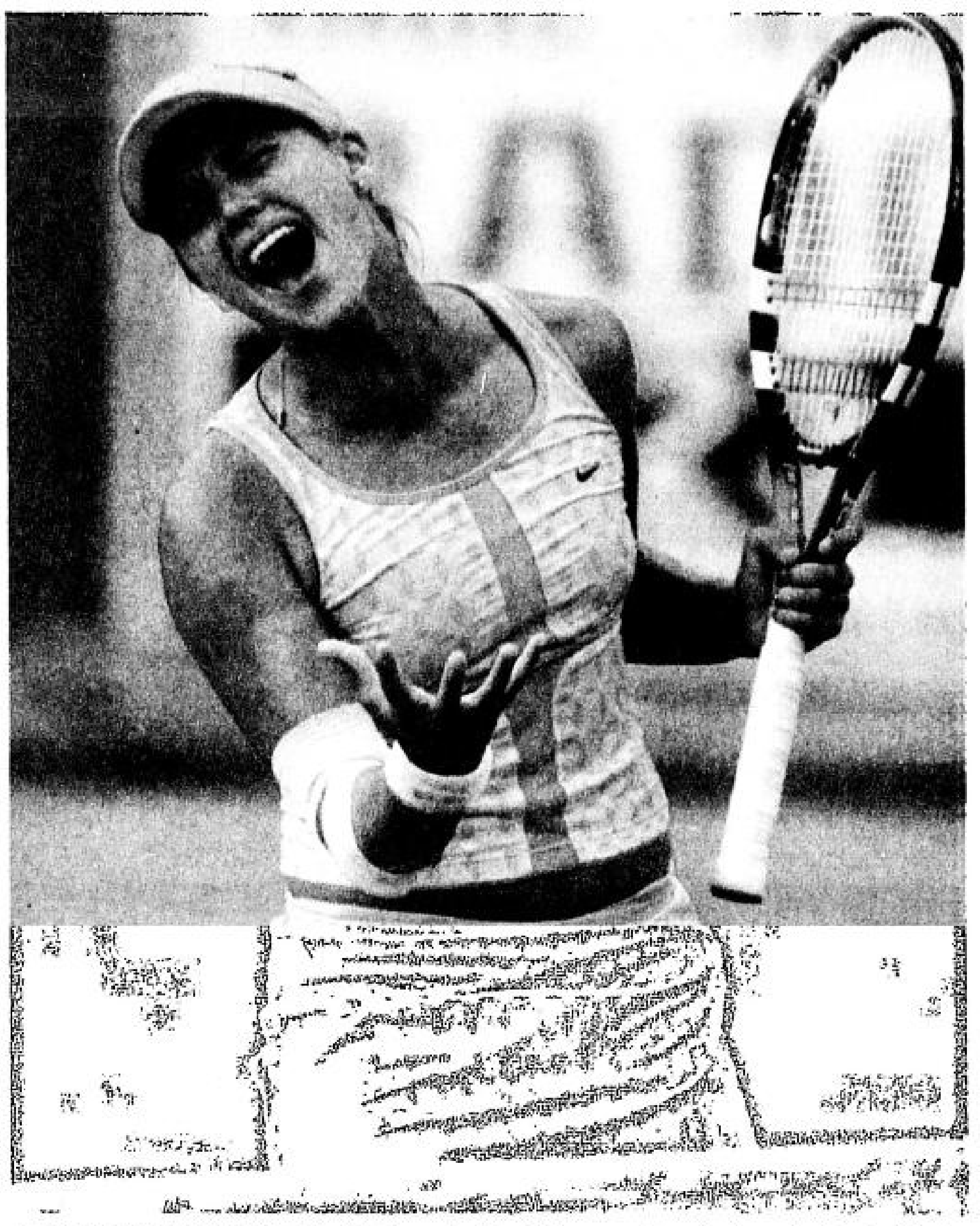
No. 29 Vince Spadea lost to Martin Verkerk 5-7, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5. That left Agassi as the only American remaining among 13 who entered the men's draw.

No. 4 Carlos Moya, the 1998 champion, needed three hours to beat Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Wayne Ferreira, playing in his 50th consecutive Grand Slam tournament, left on a stretcher. Trailing Rainer Schuettler in the fourth set, Ferreira hurt his groin chasing a forehand and was forced to quit.

After being treated by a trainer, the South African was carried off the court, waving to applauding fans. Schuettler, runner-up at the Australian Open in January, led 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 2-3 when the injury occurred.

No. 23-seeded Younes El Aynaoui lost to Mariano Zabaleta 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2). Seventh-seeded Guillermo Coria, at 21 the youngest player remaining in the men's draw, beat qualifier Attila Savolt 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. *AP*



CLAY COURT BEAUTY: Ashley Harkleroad of the US reacts after a losing point in the third round of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium. She lost. AP

Venus, Clijsters, Capriati advance

PARIS--The cream began to rise to the top at the French Open on Saturday as second seed Kim Clijsters of Belgium, US seventh seed Jennifer Capriati and US third seed Venus Williams all raced into the fourth round with routine successes against outclassed opponents.

Capriati became the third American woman into the last 16 after blasting Ukraine's Julia Vakulenko 6-1, 6-2 in just 57 minutes on the Suzanne Lenglen Court to book a meeting with Nadia Petrova of Russia, who demolished Marissa Irvin of the United States 6-1, 6-1.

Capriati beat Clijsters here in a thrilling 2001 final which went to a women's record 12-10 in the final set.

Last year's finalist Venus Williams hammered Silvia Farina Elia of Italy 6-1, 6-2 in just 52 minutes. *AFP*

Viva steps into title picture, rips Montaña

Games Tuesday (Makati Coliseum)
2 p.m.--John-O vs Viva
4 p.m.--Montaña vs Hapee

VIVA Mineral Water suddenly stepped into the title picture by shocking Montaña Jewel, 73-57, yesterday in the Sunkist-PBL 2003 Unity Cup at the San Juan gym.

With the win, the Water Force can clinch at least a playoff for a title slot by beating winless John-O Tuesday.

John-O earlier took a 67-52 whipping from Hapee Toothpaste, which still needs to prevail over Montaña also on Tuesday to make it to the championship playoffs.

As things stand, Hapee leads the semifinals with a 4-1 win-loss record with Viva and Montaña sharing second at 3-2. John-O is 0-5.

A three-way tie ensues if Viva beats John-O and Montaña duplicates its conquest of Hapee in the first round. In this set-up, the team with the highest quotient takes the first championship slot while the other two play off for the second title berth.

Cesar Catli led a balanced Viva offensive with 12 points and four rebounds. He also applied the cuffs on Montaña hotshot Gary David, who was held scoreless in the last quarter.

Viva broke away from a 48-48 tie at the end of the third quarter, taking a 67-54 advantage with less than a minute left.

Jon Dan Salvador countered for Montaña with a three-point play off Francis Gerard Jones but the Water Force wrapped up the game with a 6-0 run.

"The boys were inspired because they want to win for the father of Jeff Napa," said Viva coach Koy Banal.

Sgt. Ricky Napa, Jeff's father, is comatose with a bullet wound in the head sustained in line of duty.

Sonny Margate backed up Catli with 10 points, five rebounds and a steal.

All told, Viva scored 26 points from Montaña's 24 turnovers. The Water Force also scored 14 points off the offensive boards on top of 10 fastbreak markers.

David finished with 12 points for Montaña while Jam Alfad contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Hapee also needed a strong fourth-quarter performance featuring Peter June Simon and Eugene Tan to clinch its fourth straight victory.

The scores:

First Game

HAPEE 67—Simon 12, Salangsang 11, Tan 8, Gelig 7, Tenorio 5, Luanzon 4, Espiritu 4, Alvarez 4, Benedicto 4, Dualan 2, Fonacier 2, Mercado 2, Gonzales 2, Saquilayan 0, Dy 0.

JOHN-O 52—Calimag 11, Madrid 11, Macapagal 6, Laygo 6, Melencio 5, Vergara 4, Eman 2, Oreta 2, Ortega 2, Kiram 2, McCoy 1, Villamin 0, Menor 0.

Quarters: 11-14; 29-23, 51-36; 67-52

Second Game

VIVA 73 — Catli 12, Margate 10, Miranda 9, Isip 8, Ybanez 8, Misolas 7, Sinco 7, Jones 6, Co 4, Napa 2, Yabut 0, Razon 0.

MONTAÑA 57—David 12, Alfad 10, Basco 7, Robinson 7, Salvador 7, Coronel 7, Guerrero 5, Magsumbol 2, Mendoza 0, Sayon 0.

Quarters: 16-18, 31-32, 48-48, 73-57.

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Eala relents, offers review ...

From page A23

The commissioner, who came under fire after Barangay Ginebra's Jun Limpot, Davonn Harp of Red Bull and San Miguel Beer's Dorian Peña maintained their innocence while assailing the manner the tests were handled, said the controversy would be brought to the attention of the PBA Board of Governors.

The PBA board will convene tomorrow at the PBA offices in Pasig City with the review on the drug-testing guidelines expected to be on top of the agenda.

Eala said he was also open to a second testing which involves the detailed breakdown of the chemical components present in the urine samples of the players.

The commissioner, however, wasn't keen on giving each of the suspended players an independent test using a new urine sample and not the one in the custody of the PBA.

"Unless the second test proves that there was indeed an error in the breakdown of substances in the initial results, the PBA will stick to its decision," said Eala.

He added that a set of new guidelines would be formulated to determine the parameters of the second testing.

Eala did not categorically state if the independent retest Harp had asked for would be granted but stuck to his claim that a retest would be done on the same urine sample submitted to the PBA.

Harp appealed for an independent test using a new urine specimen after his recent urine diagnosis in a Department of Health-accredited pathology clinic yielded negative results.

If the league turns down his request, Harp said he would have to take extra-legal measures to prove his innocence.

'There's always the possibility that human error was involved. And we are open to the scenario of finding out if there was indeed a flaw in the procedure that caused the failure of these players in the test," said Eala.

Meanwhile, San Miguel Corporation announced it stands by its corporate policy against substance abuse under which it instituted drug testing for San Miguel employees three years ago.

SMC said it will conduct drug tests of its own for players and coaching staff of the San Miguel Beermen, Barangay Ginebra, Coca-Cola Tigers and Purefoods TJ Hotdogs.

"We must ensure that all those involved in our team's activities are role models and sources of inspiration, particularly for the youth," said Eduardo M. Cojuangco Jr., SMC Chair and Chief Executive.

Cojuangco stressed that, even as it is the company's policy to help in the war against drug abuse, SMC shall also endeavor in its drug tests to protect the rights of each individual player or staff, ensure that those rights are not violated and careers and reputation not unduly jeopardized.

When is foolproof foolproof?

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE OLYMPICS has a list of banned substances it uses to nail down drug offenders. Does the PBA also have the same? I hope it does.

I ask this because several PBA players alleged to have been found positive for illegal drug use are questioning the results.

I say alleged because, one, the howl of protests subjects the results to suspicion. Two, it puts PBA officials, notably Commissioner Eala, on the defensive.

With requests for retesting granted–which is but right under the principle of freedom to question what you deem is an act of injustice–the whole process is open to public scrutiny. Which means there's nothing wrong at all with that because allowing for retesting makes for transparency; isn't transparency both the mother of objectivity and the uncle of fact?

I am not surprised that Eala readily acceded to a retesting and I must commend him for that. At least his being a lawyer has put him in good stead on this one. A lawyer is never afraid of anybody questioning his/her position.

The landscape unfurled, the question now is: How foolproof really is PBA's drug- testing procedure? How foolproof is foolproof?

Of course, Eala will say it is foolproof or he'll be a hypocrite if he says otherwise. No president of this country has admitted, will ever admit, that his/her administration is ridden with graft and corruption.

The Department of Health will say it is foolproof or it does not have any business conducting it on behalf of the PBA. Have you ever heard Bunye mouth a line different from that of Ate Glo's?

Dr. Ben Salud will say it is foolproof or he does not have any moral suasion to stay on as the PBA's medical officer, a position he has held since the league's birth in 1975–with distinction, if I may add.

It goes on and on and on. But it is not wrong to say the lowly PBA janitor may have a differing opinion but alas, his opinion will never matter–if it will be embraced at all by the media. Media dismissing such as a piece of crap won't be remote.

And so, to paraphrase the "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" from that classic film "Sound of Music," I ask once again: "How do you solve a problem like the drug-testing procedure?"

At the rate it is being questioned–not only by players allegedly found guilty of drug abuse but also by some team officials unconvinced of its effectiveness–the solution to the problem of drug abuse itself has become, ironically, the problem. Here we are trying our damnedest to rid the PBA of misfits masquerading as models of our youth, and yet we suddenly find ourselves trapped by the very formula to curb the menace that is drug addiction.

Where do we go from here?

Or, are we to start all over again and retest everybody found guilty of drug abuse?

Hey, what have we suddenly got here, a solution or a jigsaw puzzle?

Thus far, the best proof that the drug-testing procedure is foolproof is Jimwell Torion; his admission of guilt is the best defense against all offense meant to denigrate the procedure. With Torion apologizing for his "one night of indiscretion," it can be deduced that the rest of those found positive for use of illegal drugs are as guilty as Jimwell.

But that's easier said than done.

Which prods me to ask the second question: What case do we have about guys known for their wholesome image all these years, like Jun Limpot, being tagged as among those guilty of drug abuse?

The outcry on Limpot's behalf is so massive Eala might yet lose his case before the bar of public opinion. Limpot, known for his cool demeanor, has, like several others, also appealed his case. He anchored his brief on a medicine he is taking for nasal allergy as the probable culprit. Public opinion seems to buy that. Now, if the medicine contained a substance banned by the PBA, is Limpot absolutely guilty?

Depends. If he bought the medicine on his own, meaning without a doctor's prescription, then he is. But if bought with a doctor's prescription, then I guess he is not.

Any comment from Atty. Eala is fair comment and will be highly appreciated. And I'll regard it as the real first move to finding the foolproof formula to a foolproof procedure.

Please, Mr. Commissioner, don't rush. Only fools rush.

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FASTBREAK. Robert Aventajado was honored recently with a Presidential Award from South Korea for "helping propagate taekwondo in the Philippines." Aventajado, the president of the Philippine Taekwondo Association for more than 15 years now, was No. 1 among 20 honorees from 20 countries chosen from 171 member-countries of the World Taekwondo Federation. I tip my hat off to Robert, who is also chair of the Philippine Olympic Committee ... I pause to welcome home my boyhood chum, Dan E. Nino, who is visiting from Los Angeles. It was with Dan that I did so many duets doing Beatles songs in Monday programs during our high school days. He was then basically the band's Paul McCartney, what with his high-pitched voice - and extra-melodious, too; and Dan, like Paul, is also a lefty. Get the drift?

De Leon triathlon favorite

ANI Karina de Leon is the top favorite in the girls division of the '12th Enervon National Triathlon Championship set today at the Subic Freeport.

George Vilong, on the other hand, is expected to encounter rough sailing in his defense of the men's title. The event involving a 1.5-km swim, 40-km bike and 10-km run is sponsored by Monoc Bike Frames, Powerbar, Reliv, David's Spa, New Balance and POC Sport for All Commission.

Vilog's main challengers are Noel Salvador, Alberto Biagan and Mark Candelaria.

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MOTOR SPORTS: 2003 F1 Monaco Grand Prix; Qualifying; 9 a.m. (r) and 2:30 p.m. (r); Race Day at 7 p.m.; Star Sports - Ferrari and Michael Schumacher try to hit the jackpot in Monte Carlo.

GOLF: LPGA Asahi Ryokuken International Championship; 1 p.m.; Star Sports - It's down to the last 18 holes in South Carolina.

PGA Memorial Tournament; 4 p.m. (r) and tomorrow at 2 a.m.; Star Sports - Take a look back at third round action and watch the final round unfold from the fairways and greens in Dublin, Ohio.

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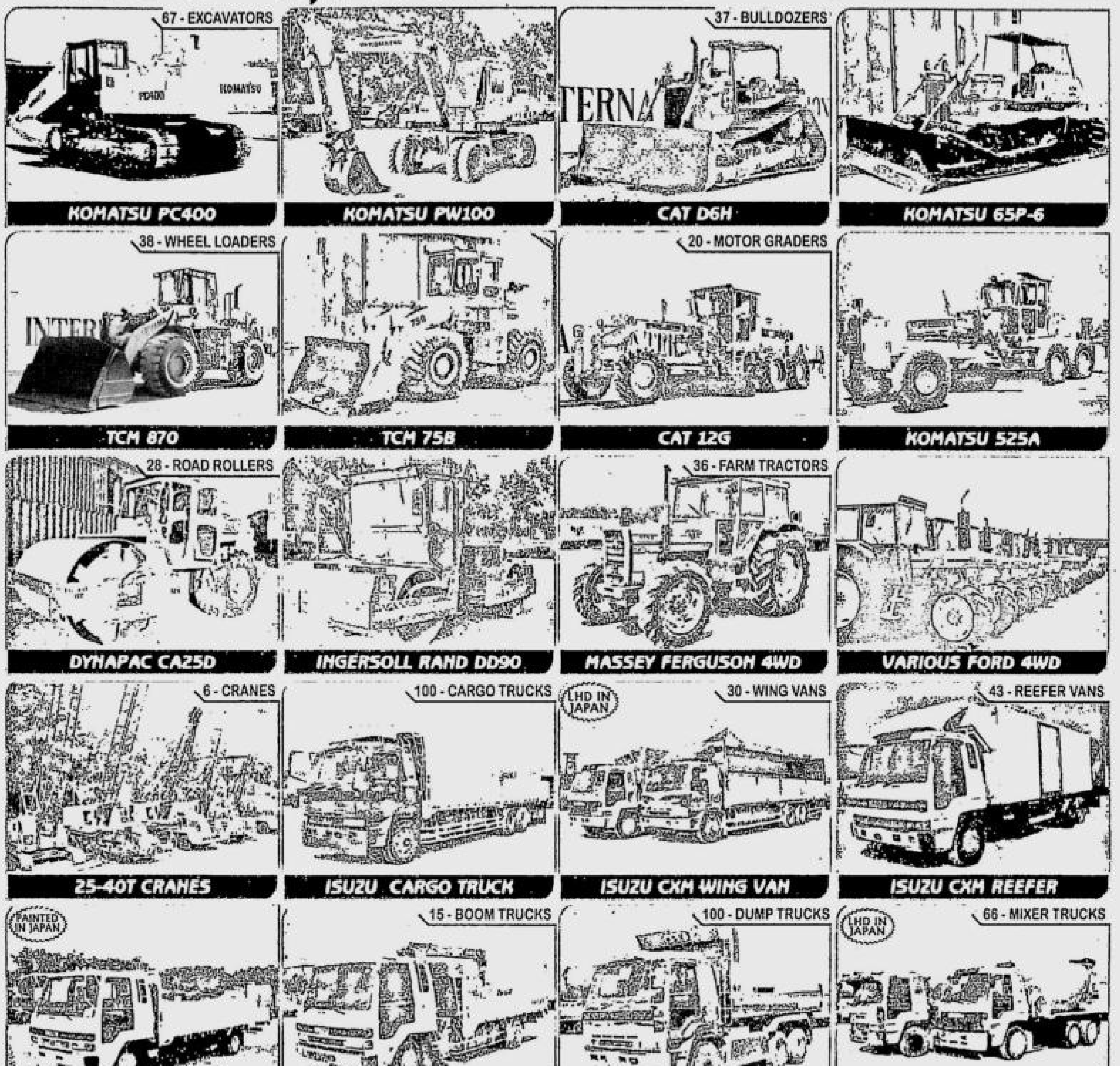
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1 > 3 Pts.
☐ True / ☐ False: This year's much-delayed Palarong Pambansa will still be held in Lanao del Norte.

2 > 5 Pts.
Who ruled the 2003 Tour Pilipinas with a total clocking of 55 hours 29 minutes and 20 seconds?
☐ Arnel Quirimit
☐ Warren Davadilla

3 > 7 Pts.
How many consecutive free throws did the Dallas Mavericks sink in beating the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of their NBA Western Conference finals series?
☐ 41
☐ 45
☐ 49

4 > 10 Pts.
Which golfer whipped up a storm of controversy by bluntly saying that Annika Sorenstam "has no business playing" in the men's PGA Tour?
☐ V. J. Singh
☐ Tiger Woods
☐ Greg Norman

5 > 15 Pts.
Before claiming his third successive Formula 1 race victory for Ferrari at the Austrian Grand Prix, world champion Michael Schumacher had to survive a what?
☐ Flat tire
☐ Faulty gearbox
☐ Bumper crash
☐ Pit-lane fire

6 > 25 Pts.
Ronnie Alcano, the Filipino who was named 2002 Rookie of the Year by the Billiards Congress of America for winning five of nine championship appearances in the tough Joss NE Tour, hails from which province?
☐ Cebu
☐ Laguna
☐ South Cotabato
☐ Pampanga

7 > 30 Pts.
Two sports figures made it to People Magazine's latest list of 'The 50 Most Beautiful People in the World.' One of them is NBA point-guard Tony Parker. Who's the other? Clue: He's a horse race jockey.

ANSWERS/ A29

New Jersey Nets raring to go against Spurs

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey— Given the opponent they faced and how they played in the NBA Finals a year ago, the New Jersey Nets are thrilled to be going against two-time defending MVP Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs this time around.

That's not a knock at Duncan.

The Nets don't match up well against Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers, and they admit it.

When Shaq wants to play — which he did last year in leading the Lakers to a sweep and a third straight NBA title — there is little the Nets can do to stop him.

Against any other team, they feel they have a shot.

"Thirty-four is not there, so that helps," Jason Kidd said Friday as the Nets practiced for the first time knowing their opponent for the NBA Finals, which start Wednesday. "Shaq changes the game by being out there. San Antonio has a guy like that in Tim Duncan."

But it's still not the same. The Spurs don't have a Kobe Bryant, and Duncan isn't Shaq in terms of size and bulk.

He's lighter and more athletic, someone Nets power forward Kenyon Martin can battle.

"Any time you put Shaq in the equation, it's going to be rough," said Martin, who has emerged as one of the league's top defensive players. "So everybody has a chance when you don't have to deal with him. No matter who came out of the East or the West, everybody started looking at that and saying they had a legitimate shot, knowing the big guy's not in there."

The Nets also believe they are much better than a year ago, both on the court and in their approach to the finals.

A year ago, they were just happy to be in the finals after Kidd turned them from a laughingstock into a first-time conference champion.

In the year since, Martin has become both a force inside and a leader. Richard Jefferson has moved into a starting role and become the third option. Kerry Kittles is stronger in his second full season back from another knee surgery, and Jason Collins is emerging in the middle.

Forwards Aaron Williams and Rodney Rogers and guards Lucious Harris and Anthony Johnson give the Nets depth.

"I think all our players feel a little more confident than we did last year," coach Byron Scott said. "Last year, we said all the right things, but I don't believe we truly felt we could beat the Lakers. We felt we could compete with the Lakers but we didn't feel we could beat them.

"This year is a totally different situation," Scott said. "We have a lot of guys who are peaking at the right time. As a team, we are peaking at the right time."

The Nets are rolling into the finals on a 10-game winning streak. They have won 12 of 14 postseason games. *AP*

SOLAR Sports will telecast a replay of Friday's thrilling Game Six of the San Antonio Spurs-Dallas Mavericks NBA Western Conference Finals at 9 a.m. today (Sunday, June 1). Also to be shown is a replay of Game Three between the Detroit Pistons and the Philadelphia 76ers Eastern Conference semifinals at 8 tonight.

IN PRACTICE, New Jersey nets guard Jason Kidd shoots practice shots as the team prepares for a NBA title showdown with the San Antonio Spurs. AP

Old ABA foes meet in NBA finals

SAN ANTONIO— If the NBA wants to take the retro craze to the next level, they'll let the Spurs and Nets play with a red, white and blue ball.

The NBA Finals don't begin until Wednesday night, providing plenty of time to look back on what happened long ago.

New Jersey and San Antonio weren't even part of the NBA three decades ago. They were in the ABA, which used that tri-colored ball.

Although the Nets and Spurs have been in the finals before, this will be the first time that two former ABA teams will meet in the NBA Finals. The Spurs defeated the New York Knicks in 1999; the Nets were swept by the Los Angeles Lakers a year ago.

The last time the teams played each other in the postseason was 1976, when Julius Erving's Nets defeated George Gervin's Spurs in seven games in the ABA semifinals. Game 7 was played on April 24, 1976.

The next day, Tim Duncan was born.

The Nets went on to defeat the Denver Nuggets to win the title that season, which was the last for the ABA. The Nets, Spurs, Nuggets and Indiana Pacers were absorbed into the NBA the following summer.

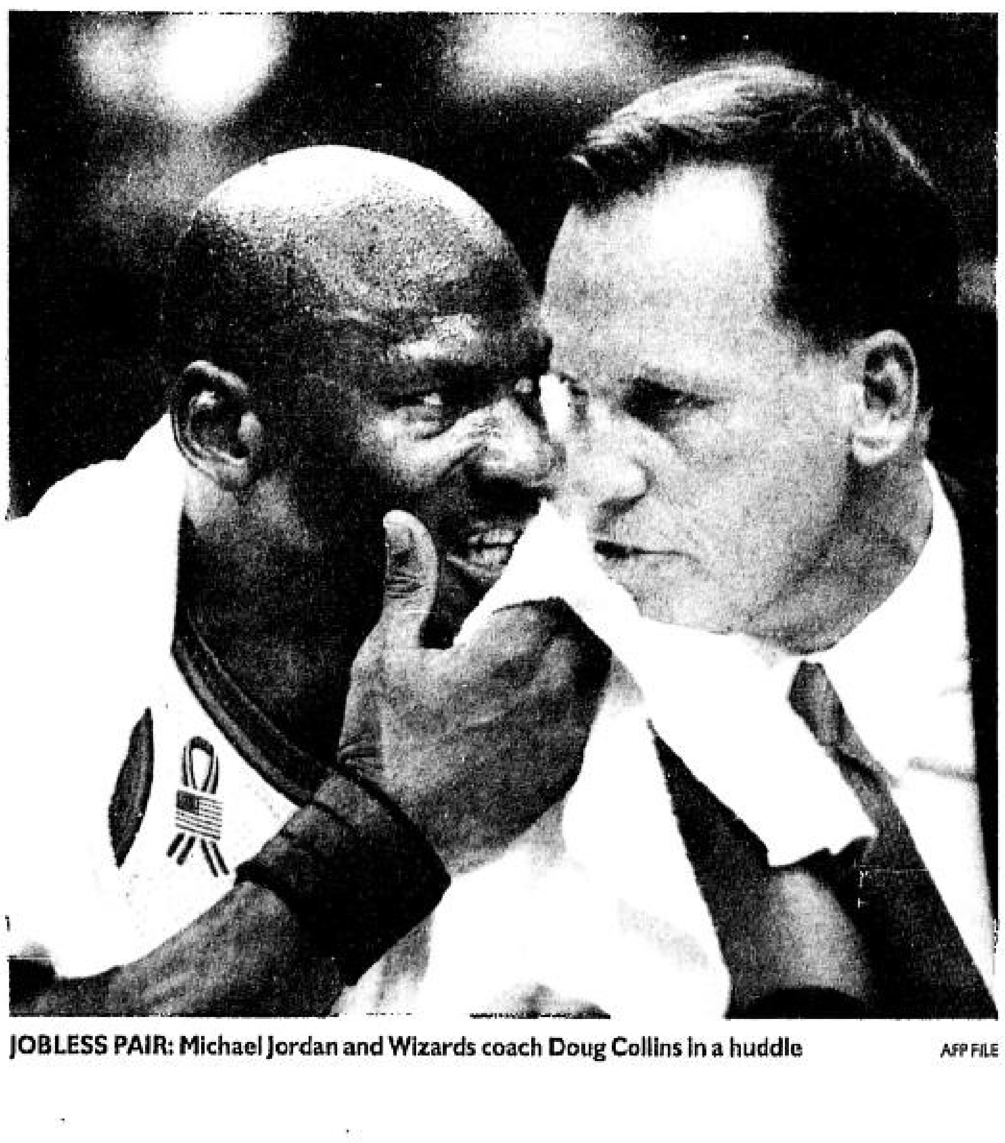
Before the Spurs even were the Spurs, they were known as the Dallas Chaparrals — entering the ABA as an expansion franchise in 1967. One of their first draft picks was Pat Riley.

The Chaparrals played their final game on March 26, 1973, a 122-120 victory over the Carolina Cougars in front of a paid crowd of 134, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

A group led by San Antonio businessmen Angelo Drossos and Red McCombs leased the Chaparrals for $1 for the 1973-74 season, then purchased the franchise for $725,000 from a group headed by future Dallas mayor Bob Folsom.

Local lore includes the tale of country singer Willie Nelson singing the national anthem at the 1975 ABA All-Star Game in San Antonio. *AP*

Wizards fire coach after showing Michael Jordan the door



JOBLESS PAIR: Michael Jordan and Wizards coach Doug Collins in a huddle AFP FILE

WASHINGTON —First Michael Jordan, now Doug Collins. And if Washington Wizards fans don't like it, they can get their money back.

Collins was fired as the Wizards' coach Friday, three weeks after Jordan was shown the door by owner Abe Pollin. The widely expected move happened sooner than expected — Pollin originally had pledged to let Jordan's yet-to-be-hired replacement decide Collins' fate.

"I think everybody had a sense all along that I was going to be fired," Collins said. "It was just a matter of when that was going to happen."

In a statement, Pollin said he made the move when he did to give Collins time to pursue other coaching jobs, but Collins had a different reason: The possibility that someone such as former Philadelphia coach Larry Brown could be interested in both coaching and running the front office.

"If they can get Larry Brown, they've hit a home run," Collins said.

Pollin also laid down a new challenge for himself in a separate letter that will be sent to season ticket-holders. After citing the unpopularity of his decision to dismiss Jordan, Pollin promised refunds to fans unhappy with his moves.

"My pledge to you: If you are not satisfied with the direction of our basketball franchise after this summer, I will refund your season-ticket deposit in full," Pollin wrote. A copy of the letter, dated June 2, was obtained by The Associated Press on Friday.

The Wizards are expecting a substantial drop in attendance this season after selling out 82 consecutive games during Jordan's second comeback as a player.

Jordan was the Wizards' president of basketball operations when he hired Collins in April 2001. Jordan then decided to return as a player, putting Collins in the unusual position of coaching the person who hired him. The Wizards went 37-45 both seasons and failed to make the playoffs.

Collins had two years remaining on his four-year contract, but his days were numbered once Pollin decided not to let Jordan, who had retired as a player again, return to the front office.

"With Michael hiring me, it was natural that I would be the next one to be dismissed," Collins said.

Last week, Pollin said the new president of basketball operations, whom he plans to hire before the June 26 draft, would handle Collins' situation and select the team's coach.

But the fact that Collins was still technically an employee made it awkward for Pollin to pursue some candidates. The Washington Post, citing sources, reported Friday that Brown canceled an interview for a potential front office-coaching position out of respect for Collins.

The Wizards said Pollin would have no further comment. In his letter to season ticket-holders, Pollin said he has "interviewed and will continue to interview the brightest available basketball minds in the business."

Collins coached Jordan and the Chicago Bulls from 1986-89 and the Detroit Pistons from 1995-98 and was working as a TV analyst when Jordan lured him back to the sidelines. His two seasons with the Wizards were his only two full seasons in which he did not lead his team to the playoffs, and this season ended with him criticizing his players for showing disrespect.

"It's my job as a coach to win," Collins said, "and that didn't happen."

Collins said he was not looking to rush into another coaching job.

"Whatever I do next in my life, I want it to be well thought out," Collins said.

The Wizards said no decision had been made concerning assistant coach Brian James. The contracts of assistants Larry Drew and Patrick Ewing are expiring, and assistant John Bach retired at the end of the season.

Wes Unseld, the outgoing general manager who held the title in name only while Jordan ran the team for 3 1/2 seasons, is taking a leave of absence after the draft for health reasons. *AP*

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Annika gives an encore with course record 62

AURORA, Illinois—Annika Sorenstam sure can give an encore.

A week after making history at the Colonial, Sorenstam shot a 10-under 62 Friday to take a share of the lead in the first round of the Kellogg-Keebler Classic. The 62 set a course record, and also matched the lowest score in relation to par this year on the LPGA Tour.

As if that's not impressive enough, she had a shot at that magic number 59 until a bogey on No. 16.

"A little bit," Sorenstam said when asked if she was surprised to play this well with everything that happened the past 10 days.

"I know it's a new week and I've had several days to kind of come back to earth. I've been flying around a little bit," she said. "But now I feel like I'm back where I want to be."

Yeah, at the top of the leaderboard, where she and Rosie Jones shared a three-stroke lead.

"The last hole was No. 9 ... and I had probably about 40 feet to beat Annika. That's all I could think about," said Jones, whose 62 was a career-best. "And I rolled it by about 5 feet, 6 feet."

Sorenstam ran away with the inaugural Kellogg-Keebler Classic last year, finishing at 21-under and winning by 11 strokes, and she's put herself in position to do it again.

Her 62 was one shot better than her first-round score last year. And despite an on-and-off rain that softened up the greens, her only real challenger was Jones.

If she keeps this up, the rest of the LPGA Tour might wish she'd stayed on the men's tour. *AP*

SORENSTAM: Back to stamp her class in the ladies tour. AP

Kenny Perry makes golf look easy in Memorial

DUBLIN, Ohio — A grinder throughout his career, Kenny Perry is starting to make golf look awfully easy.

One week after winning Colonial with a record score, Perry surged into the lead Friday at the Memorial with a 4-under 68, capped by a birdie on the final hole that showed just how much everything is falling his way.

From the back of the green, 30 feet away and pinched between the fringe and first cut of rough, Perry used the belly of his sand wedge to get the ball rolling down the slick slope toward the hole. Halfway to the cup, he turned to the crowd, knowing the outcome.

"It was perfect," said Perry, who was at 11-under 133. "I just turned around to the fans and listened as it went in. They all hollered, so I knew it went in."

Retief Goosen and Lee Janzen, a pair of U.S. Open champions, each had a 67 and were one stroke behind.

Tiger Woods, playing on the PGA Tour for the first time since the Masters, looked as though he might join the leaders when he hit a 4-iron into the wind to a flag tucked behind a bunker that set up a short eagle putt on No. 15.

It all came apart on the 18th, when he pulled his drive so badly that it hit a fan in the leg. He hit his approach over the green and was lucky his chip ran only 20 feet past the hole. He made bogey for a 71, and was five strokes behind.

Vijay Singh proved he belongs at Memorial. The '98 winner had a 69 and was at 8-under 136, along with B.C. Open champion Spike McRoy (68).

Singh was criticized for his comments about Annika Sorenstam playing Colonial — "I hope she misses the cut" — and declined to speak to reporters for the second straight day.

Perry had the 36-hole lead last week at Colonial, then shot 61 in the third round and cruised to a six-stroke victory at 19-under. He figured he would be known as the guy who won the PGA Tour event Sorenstam played, "but at least I'll be remembered for something."

Here's something else — he might be the hottest player in golf.

"He's the guy to watch this weekend," Singh later said through a PGA Tour official.

There was nothing special about Perry's round. He holed a few 15-foot birdie putts, got up-and-down from the bunker for birdie on the par-5 15th and then put on a show with his belly wedge on the 18th.

Perry has won four times in his career, including the '91 Memorial, but never more than one tournament a year.

"I hope I stay asleep and play two more good rounds," he said. "It's hard to believe. Why am I pushing the right buttons right now at the right time? I don't know. I've got all the bounces going my way. My game is in pretty good order."

Charles Howell III was 10 strokes worse than his opening round, a 2-over 74 that left him at 6-under 138 with Woods and defending champion Jim Furyk. *AP*

Pistons coach gets ax despite winning seasons

ETROIT, Michigan -- Rick Carlisle built an impres-ive resume in two seasons with the Detroit Pis-ons.

Apparently, his success was not enough to war-ant a third season.

ESPN television reported Friday night that arlisle has been fired as coach of the Pistons.

Carlisle led the Pistons to their second straight 0-32 season and the club's first appearance in the astern Conference finals since 1990.

But his squad saw its playoff run end with a weep by the New Jersey Nets.

According to the report, the 42-year-old Carlisle ad one year remaining on his contract and had een attempting to get an extension. He reportedly vas turned down before being relieved of his oaching duties.

The team could not confirm the report but there vas a link to the story on their website.

Despite leading the Pistons to their second traight Central Division title, Carlisle drew criti-ism from the Detriot media during the postseason.

After the Pistons fell into a 3-1 hole in the open-ng round of the playoffs against the eighth-seeded rlando Magic, questions began to arise about arlisle's job security.

But the Pistons rallied to win the final three games f that series and disposed of the Philadelphia 76ers n six games in the conference semifinals. *AFP*

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Crispa cries REMATCH

ATOY Co and co. want another shot at the Tamaraws.

By June Navarro

IT was a forgotten dream revisited.

Not even Sen. Robert Jaworski, who drilled in the night's most memorable basket, had fancied such a fantastic ending.

The old, graying devotees came to worship in hordes again.

The players, cold, rusty engines, started their battle slowly, taking creaky strides as though climbing a mountain.

But once they hit their stride, the old, bitter rivalry smoldered.

The game was tough, rugged, less than cordial the hardcourt violence of yesteryears had threatened to erupt after thudding clashes.

Errant elbows of old dug at ribs again.

But when the smoke of battle cleared, it was the Big J's turn to make a joyful dig at Crispa pride.

"Medyo rusty ang Crispa. Halos mamaga na nga yung ring sa kakatira ni Atoy. (Crispa wasn't really in good shape. In fact, the hoop took a beating as Atoy kept missing his shots.)," Jaworski quipped.

Jaworski, who was well-covered during his 10-minute, second-half stint on the floor, made his only shot in the game--a booming triple at the top of the arc--that sent the fans inside the Big Dome roaring in delight.

"The option was already there. Alangan namang ipasa ko pa eh open na," said the Big J.

Credit also went to Ramon Fernandez, who issued the pass to Jaworski for the game-clinching three-pointer.

PBA founding commissioner Leo Prieto does the ceremonial toss as four-time MVP Mon Fernandez (right) and Abet Guidaben prepare to jump.

Said Fernandez: "It was fitting that he (Jaworski) received the pass and made the shot. I just returned the favor."

Fernandez was referring to Jaworski's inbound pass that perfectly set him up for an undergoal stab in the dying seconds as they went on to score a 132-130 victory over the Rookie-Sophomores team in the 1989 All-Star Game.

"Just like the Big J of old. He always makes the shot when we needed it most," said Fernandez.

But the story doesn't end there.

The Crispa Redmanizers, after losing, 65-61, in their reunion game against the Toyota Tamaraws Friday night, are itching to get back at the their chief nemesis.

The Redmanizers wanted revenge so badly that they're looking forward to another classic encounter with the Tamaraws, which, probably, is bound to happen a year from now if the PBA chooses to.

"Hindi bale na matalo sa ibang team, huwag lang sa Toyota. Babawi kami sa susunod," said Crispa's Philip Cezar moments after Jaworski drained the key triple in the final 23 seconds to break the backs of the Redmanizers.

Although he blurted out those words with a grin, Cezar, a former vice-mayor of San Juan, obviously anticipates another matchup with the Tamaraws to get even.

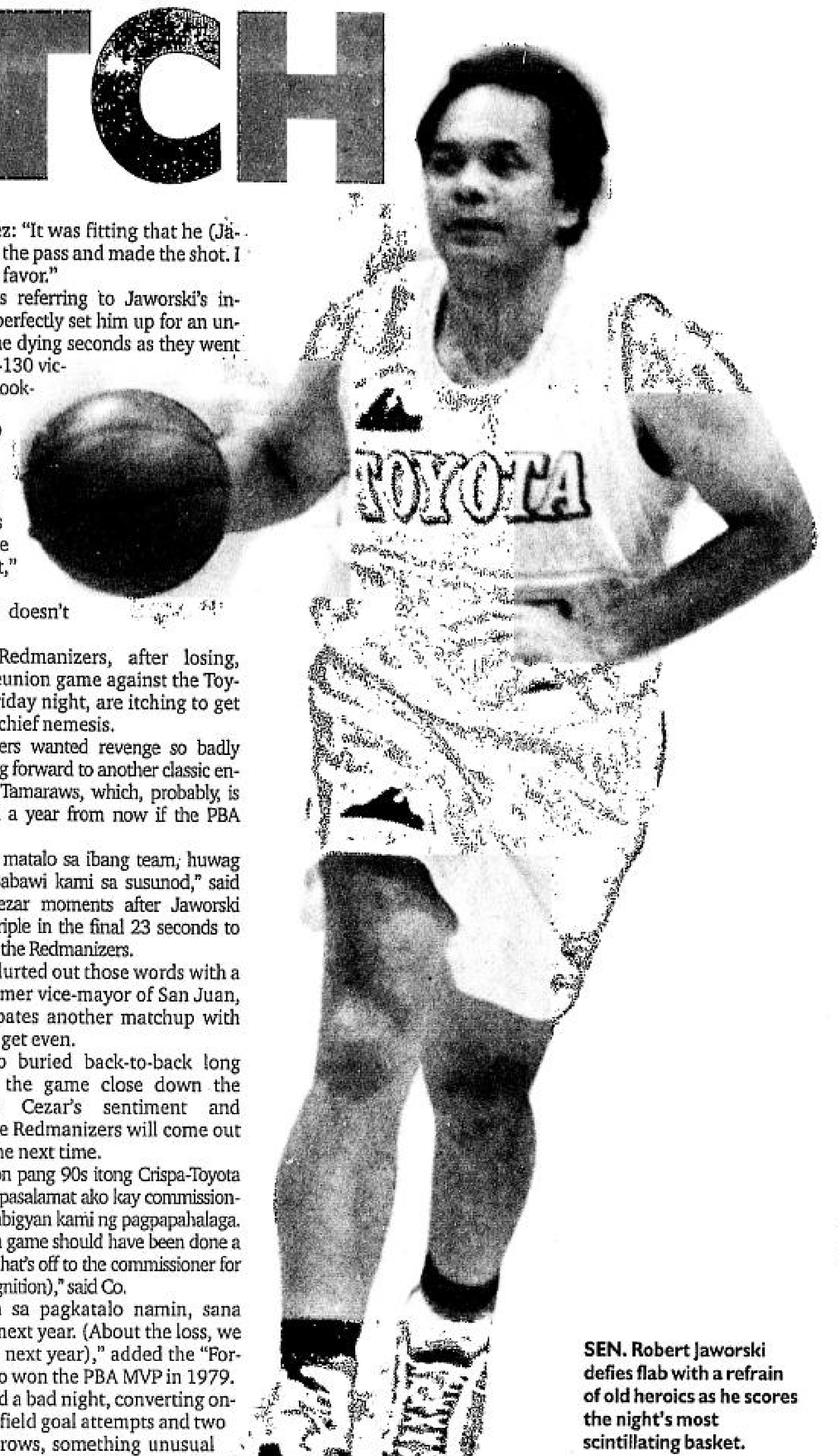
Atoy Co, who buried back-to-back long toms that kept the game close down the stretch, shared Cezar's sentiment and promised that the Redmanizers will come out more prepared the next time.

"Dapat nga noon pang 90s itong Crispa-Toyota game. Kaya nagpapasalamat ako kay commissioner (Noli Eala) at nabigyan kami ng pagpapahalaga. (The Crispa-Toyota game should have been done a long time ago. My hat's off to the commissioner for giving us due recognition)," said Co.

"Doon naman sa pagkatalo namin, sana makabawi kami next year. (About the loss, we hope to get even next year)," added the "Fortune Cookie" who won the PBA MVP in 1979.

Co actually had a bad night, converting only three of his 14 field goal attempts and two of his six free throws, something unusual in his 18-year PBA career.

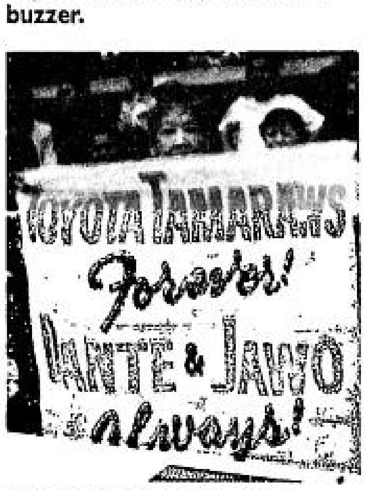
But just like everybody who savored the reunion, Co couldn't say anything bad about the full-fledged revival of the Crispa-Toyota Suspense Theater.



SEN. Robert Jaworski defies flab with a refrain of old heroics as he scores the night's most scintillating basket.

THE TAMARAWS jubilate as if they've won another crown after downing the Redmanizers, 65-61.

HAPPY rivals Baby Dalupan of Crispa (left) and Dante Silverio of Toyota embrace after the final buzzer.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Can All-Star game today match Crispa-Toyota thriller?

GAME TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4 p.m.--All-Star side events finals
6:30 p.m.--Governors' All-Stars vs Commissioner's All-Stars

HELD spellbound by some of the league's old stars during the Toyota-Crispa reunion match the other night, it's the turn of the current superstars to show their wares in the PBA All-Star game today at the Araneta Coliseum.

Barangay Ginebra's Eric Menk, who topped the all-star balloting, and No. 2 vote-getter Asi Taulava of Talk N Text' will lead the Commissioner's All-Stars who will tangle with their counterparts representing the Governors' squad at 6:30 p.m.

San Miguel Beer's Danny Ildefonso and Sta. Lucia's Marlou Aquino, the top two choices by fans, will spearhead the Governor's selection.

The star-studded show is not expected, however, to draw the SRO crowd that the Crispa-Toyota game attracted in the first part of the All-Star series Friday night.

The former standouts of the league's fiercest rivals relived their old feud through half-remembered skills before the Toyota Tamaraws prevailed, 65-61.

Joining Menk and Taulava in the starting five of the Commissioner's All-Stars to be coached by Yeng Guiao of Red Bull are Jimmy Alapag of Talk N Text, Ginebra rookie Rommel Adducul and Red Bull guard and 2002 MVP Willie Miller.

Rounding out the starters for the Governors' squad to be handled by Derrick Bumaren of FedEx are three-time All-Star MVP Vergel Meneses of the Express, 1998 MVP Kenneth Duremdes of Sta. Lucia Realty and Alaska's John Arigo.

The flashy Miller replaced Mark Caguioa of Barangay Ginebra and then later on Coca-Cola's Johnny Abarrientos after both players begged off due to injuries.

Completing the roster of the All-Star teams were 14 players picked by Guiao and Pumaren based on recommendations by the other coaches in their respective divisions.

The supporting crew in the Governors' side are San Miguel Beer's Dondon Hontiveros, Olsen Racela and Nic Belasco, Kerby Raymundo of Purefoods, Sta. Lucia Realty's Dennis Espino, Alaska rookie Mike Cortez and teammate Don Allado.

Beefing up the Commissioner's group are Jeffrey Cariaso and Rudy Hatfield of Coca-Cola, Red Bull's Lordy Tugade, Mick Pennisi and rookie Enrico Villanueva and Chris Jackson and Chris Calaguio of Shell.

Red Bull's Davonn Harp and Jun Limpot of Barangay Ginebra were yanked out of the Commissioner's line-up due to the indefinite suspension imposed on them by the PBA for testing positive during a recent mandatory drug test.

Duremdes and Meneses go into the game as two of only nine players who have suited up for at least eight all-star games since the event was institutionalized in 1989.

Duremdes has made it to every All-Star game since he joined the league in 1995. Ildefonso, a back-to-back PBA MVP (2000-2001, is in the same league, who will be playing five straight times in the All-Star beginning in 1998.

The 6-foot-9 Aquino, on his sixth stint as an All-Star, has made it to all but one All-Star game since jumping to the professional ranks in 1996. Aquino missed the event only in 2001.

The All-Star game was scrapped last season to give way to the preparation of the PBA-backed national team for the Busan Asian Games.

On the Commissioner's side, Alapag and Adducul set a record of sorts when both rookies barged into the starting lineup.

Menk and Taulava are playing in their third All-Star game, which will be preceded by the finals of the three-point, two-ball, obstacle challenge and slam-dunk competitions starting at 4 p.m.

ASIAN 9-BALL TOUR

Kiamco gains semifinals

FILIPINO Warren Kiamco bested Korean Jeong Young Hwa, 9-6, yesterday to enter the semifinals of the San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour at the Pearl Plaza in Parañaque.

REYES

Either Efren "Bata" Reyes or Antonio Lining will join Kiamco in the final four as they part ways in today's lower half of the quarterfinals even as highly rated Francisco "Django" Bustamante fell by the wayside.

Bustamante bowed to Chinese-Taipei's Chang Wei Pei, 9-7, in the round of 16 after disposing off Hong Kong's Fung Kwok Wai, 9-1, in the elimination round.

Kiamco, bidding for his second straight finals appearance in the $100,000 tournament, will meet Taiwanese Lee Kung Fang, 9-7 winner over Chang, in the semifinals.

Kiamco, runner-up to Taiwanese Yang Ching-Shun in the inaugural leg of the 9-Ball Tour in Singapore, beat William Ipaenen, 9-4, in the second round after hurdling Singaporean Soh Chye Hian, 9-5.

Today's other quarterfinal match pits former world champion Chao Fong Pang of Chinese-Taipei against Korea's Park Shin Young, with the winner arranging a showdown with either Reyes or Lining. Park stunned Yang, 9-7, in the second round.

Reyes dumped Singaporean Eddie Ang Kee Tian, 9-1, before squeezing out a 9-8 victory over Indonesia's Mohammad Junarto.

Lining's victims were Malaysia's Ibrahim Bin Amir, 9-6, and Thailand's Chatchawai Rutphae, 9-2, respectively.

Other Filipinos who dropped out of contention were Leonardo Andam in the second round and Rodolfo Luat right in the first round. Luat yielded to Chao, 9-7.

ESPN Star Sports will air the event on Star Sports from June 12 to 17.

The event is sponsored by San Miguel, organized by ESPN Star Sports and sanctioned by the Asian Pocket Billiard Union. Ivan Simonis is the official table cloth, Aramith the official pool balls and Mandarin Oriental the official hotel. *Roy Luarca*

Gorres topbills Makati Day card

IS he the next RP world boxing champ or will he crumble under immense pressure?

Philippine flyweight champ Z "The Dream" Gorres of Cebu will undergo an acid test tonight when he defends his 112-lb title against Edgar Rodrigo in the main event of a card put up to culminate Makati's 333rd founding anniversary.

The championship at the Makati Coliseum is being presented by Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay and vice-mayor Ernesto Mercado.

The southpaw speedster Gorres, a protégé of sportsman Tony Aldeguer and lawyer Rudy Salud, goes for his 14th win in as many outings as a pro.

"I've prepared long and hard for this fight. I am ready," said the 21-year-old, Mandaue-based Gorres, who won the interim title last March over Roy Balataria at the Luneta and eventually awarded the regular title after Rolly Lunas refused to meet him inside the ring.

Gorres tipped the scales at 111 lbs yesterday during official weigh-in at the Games and Amusements Board office in Makati City, while Rodrigo came in at exactly 112 lbs. ***Salven Lagumbay, Contributor***

SPORTSWATCH

Air Force, UP, Cebu booters shine

THE PHILIPPINE Air Force, UP-Diliman and Springdale-Cebu dominated the 2nd adidas Lightning Football National Finals recently at the University of St. La Salle Bacolod City field. PAF, representing the National Capital Region, edged West Negros College-A in a penalty shootout, 3-2, to capture the Open crown. UP-Diliman also scored a 1-0 penalty shootout win over Bacong Football Club in winning the Under-21 women's title. Springdale-Cebu downed defending champion Ateneo de Manila University, 1-0, to snare the Under-15 championship. "We congratulate all the division champions of the second ever adidas Lightning Football tournament. Our congratulations likewise go to all the other finalists. All of them are winners in this event," said John Alonte, president and managing director of adidas Philippines. Present to award the trophies to the winners were PFF president Rene Adad, tournament director Jojo Rodriguez, and adidas assistant manager for sports marketing Goody Custodio.

C. de Oro entry nears double title

CEBU—Francis Casey Alcantara of Cagayan de Oro City ripped Jeffrey Omandan 6-2, 6-2 and retired Lloyd Canete in separate divisions Friday to stay on course for a double championship in the Adidas Tennis Challenge 2003 here at the Sancase Tennis Club. Alcantara meets Julius Lagman, a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 winner over Ryan Reponte, while James Canete, a 6-2, 7-5 victor past Kane Barraquias, meets Francis Largo, who ousted AJ Ledesma 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinal of the boys' 14-under bracket. Alcantara towed along Larry Antigua, a 6-2, 6-1 winner over Marvin Baraza; Jacob Lagman, who nipped Jade Labaya 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; and Nino Siso in the boys' 12-under class in the Adidas netfest organized by CTW and supported by Wilson balls, Milo and Sports Kids with a Group-3 santion from Philta.

Victorino zaps foe, enters semis

VICTORINO

SUBIC—Top seed Joseph Victorino fortified his title defense in the Coca-Cola National Open Tennis Championships after posting a 6-2, 6-1 quarterfinal victory over sixth seed Alexander Lazaro yesterday at the Subic Bay International Tennis Center Indoor courts here. Victorino, the 2002 PCA Open champion and Philta Open winner last month, will meet fourth seed Rolando Ruel Jr., who scored a 7-5, 6-2 win over No. 8 Michael Mora III. Second seed Adelo Abadia also gained the semis after beating former RP Davis Cupper Beeyong Sison, 7-5, 6-2. Abadia will face third seed Johnny Arcilla, a 6-0, 6-1 winner over Rocky Paglalunan. In the women's singles, top-ranked Ana Patricia Santos routed Petrona Bantay, 6-1, 6-0, to advance to the semifinals

Runnex fun runs at UP Diliman

THE QUEZON City-based Running Executives will celebrate its 20th year with the holding of the Runnex 10K and 5K runs on June 15 at 6 a.m. at the UP Diliman campus. Runnex president and race director Ben Lopez said that the event sponsored by Pharmaton is open to all runners. Interested parties may call 371-4445, 922-7502, 248-0288, 655-9498, 364-6201, 364-6232, 920-6255 and 927-3551. Meanwhile, the Runnex-Pharmaton running clinic, now on its fifth month and held every Sunday morning at the Quezon Memorial Circle, is still accepting entries. For more details, call Dr. Benny Fragante at 931-0558.

Knights a win shy of ruling FIBL

DEFENDING champion Knights of coach Jing Ruiz is just a game away from earning the distinction of becoming the very first team in the history of the Filipino-Indian Basketball League (FIBL) to win back-to-back titles. This materialized after the Knights posted a come-from-behind 84-82 victory in Game 1 over the 2000 champions Bombay Bombers at the Makati Coliseum recently before a big crowd at the Makati Coliseum. Point guard Ravi Gurnamal led the Knights with 22 points. Game 2 of the best-of-three series is on June 8. "We are advising the members of the Filipino-Indian community to come early and witness the special awards ceremonies," said FIBL Commissioner Dilip Budhrani. The awards rites will start at 3:30 p.m. on June 8.

Fil-Am tourney blasts off June 3

THE NATIONAL Fil-Am 9-Cock Derby blasts off on June 3, 5 and 7 at the Mandaluyong Coliseum. Derby host and OPMI president Vic Yu said the derby's format will be 2-cock eliminations on Tuesday, 3-cock semifinals on Thursday and 4-cock finals on Saturday. Entries must be submitted tomorrow, Monday, June 2, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sponsors are Sagupaan B-50 Forten, Sagupaan Mite Free Shampoo, Sagupaan Hammer Dewormer, Heritage Hotel, Pagcor, Casino Filipino and Lakpue Drug's Washout Shampoo. Interested parties may contact 531-4003, 531-4005, 534-4110 and 535-2341.

4-cock meet lures 100 fights

A SPECIAL 4-cock derby will be held on June 13 at the Pasay cockpit with more than 100 fights on tap. Sponsors are Sagupaan Hammer, Sagupaan Mite Free and Sagupaan B-50 Forten. The event will start at 2 p.m., said host Bobot Yu of Valenzuela, who also promoted big derbies at La Loma and del Monte cockpits (67 and 63 entries). Submission of weights is on June 12, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Interested parties may contact 843, 1890, 843-1746 and 816-6750. Pasay Cockpit boasts of fully-airconditioned main arena, more than 200 cockhouses, music lounge, OTB, restaurant, big parking area and rest rooms similar to that of a five-star hotel.

Derby weights submission today

SUBMISSION of weights for "Encounter at the Big Dome," the biggest and most awaited national one-day seven-cock derby, will be held from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today (Sunday) at the Gazebo of the Araneta Coliseum. Stipulated weights are between 2.100 and 2.400 kg. Hosts Ito Ynares and Gerry Ramos yesterday predicted a record number of entries for tomorrow's blockbuster derby because of the confirmed participation of the country's champion cockers, including several top American cockfighters who are already in town for the foreign-flavored World Slasher 8-Cock Derby on June 16, 18 and 20.

'Wa-class' racetrack

ONE WINNER
Edwin Villanueva

READER Ed Banes has mailed us again to air his views on the present state of racing in the country, particularly at the San Lazaro Leisure Park, which he called "wa-class." Read on.

Dear Mr. Villanueva,

It has been some seven months since I last e-mailed you about the many ills of horseracing in our country. In my last letter, I mentioned at least eight problems in the racing industry. I even offered easy-to-do solutions to solve these problems. Apparently, as of this writing, my plea has fallen on deaf ears and to date, even with the opening of San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, the problems have persisted and multiplied. Many concerned *kareristas* have since written complaining about the sloppy racing at both clubs. In fact, even some sports writers of your paper have written in their respective columns about the indifference of these 2 clubs in improving racing in their racetrack.

Unless these two clubs initiate immediate reforms, our country will never have a world-class racetrack, but rather, "wa-class" track.

The only thing that really matters to these greedy club owners and executives is money, money, money, and more money. Do they care about the betting public who brings in the revenues for the their clubs? Of course not.

Let us just take the problem of starting the races not later than post time. Unless the gross sale does not reach at least P600, 000 or P700, 000+, they will not give the go signal to start. That is why a minimum of 15 minutes to a maximum of about 25 minutes delay is always the case. They will not start at a gross sale of P400,000 even if they are already late by some five minutes.

Did both clubs have a past rule of not allowing brothers or relatives to ride in the same race to avoid fixing the race? Yes they did, but they took it out. Why not enforce it again? How about suspensions? The stewards suspend jockeys for a week or two with the offense of "lack of interest." In racing parlance, they call that "viaje." If a jockey is not interested in winning the race, then it is obvious that he is out to lose his horse in a race. Why then will you suspend him for only a few weeks?

A jockey who is out to win will do anything to make his horse cross the finish line first. The suspension for disinterested jockeys should be at least one year. What is the solution? As I said before, train the stewards in some Asian country such as Hong Kong or Japan.

In closing, I call on the members of the Philracom to look into the interest of the betting public by compelling both clubs to commit to a high standard of professionalism in the areas regarding starting time, handicapping, stewardship, racetrack announcing, and all areas affecting the betting public. They should also see to it that race owners and jockeys who perennially make their horses lose in spite of being heavily bet be given stiffer penalties. Lastly, I call on the *kareristas* to voice out their opinions in whatever form to remind these club owners, horse owners, jockeys, trainers, handicappers, etc. Without your bets, races can not go on.

Sincerely,
Ed Banes
BF Homes, Parañaque

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Who's to blame for last Wednesday night's cancellation of races at the SLLP?

Another reader, Joselito Paraso of Sauyo, Novaliches, QC, is wondering whether it was the fault of storm "Chedeng" or the SLLP management?

"I was at an off-track betting station in Quezon City and like the rest of the *kareristas* there, waited and agonized for so many hours before learning that races on that day were called off. *Ano ba namang klaseng karerahan yan*? World-class *daw eh di naman* all-weather," Paraso wrote us.

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Jolet ahead

ROSARIO, Batangas—Jolet Jao of Shell Advance-Rolex Engineering-Kawasaki this time dominated one of two races to keep the overall lead in the Shell Super Bikes at the Batangas Racing Circuit here. Riding a brand new Kawasaki ZX6RR, Jao produced a big run inthe second and final race to beat his closest rivals and seal his third win in four races.

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Answers from page A26

1. True
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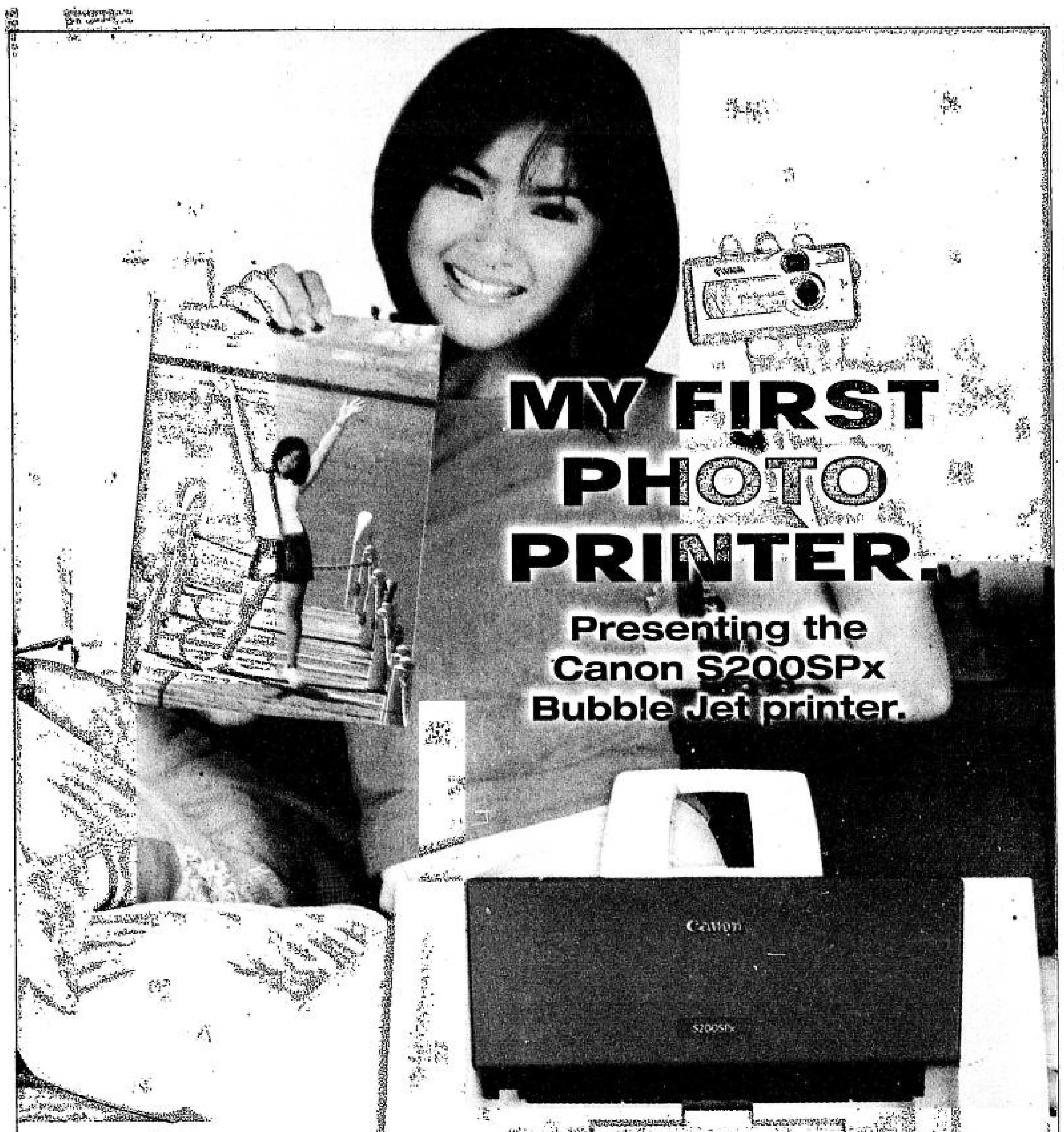

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GABUCO (right) tags Pe-Keng during their gold medal fight in the pinweight division. ROMY HOMILLADA

PALAWAN UPSET

Gabuco snares pinweight gold

By Dennis U. Eroa

PUERTO PRINCESA, Palawan—Josie Gabuco completed her fairy-tale campaign as she survived two standing eight-count in the first round to upset Baguio City's Noemi Pe-Keng and capture the women's pinweight gold medal of the National Open amateur boxing championships Friday night.

Determined not to disappoint some 5,000 fans who filled the Puerto Princesa Coliseum with deafening cheers, the 16-year-old Gabuco emerged triumphant by a slim 87-85 decision to become the first gold medalist in this week-long event featuring the country's up-and-coming pugs.

It was a dream come true for Gabuco, who shifted from athletics to boxing only two months ago and picked up her first gold over no less than a national team member.

"The Lord gave me strength. I didn't want to let my provincemates down," said Gabuco, who was mobbed by young and old fans alike after the bout.

Among the happy faces in the crowd were Palawan Gov. Joel T. Reyes and Puerto Princesa Mayor Edward Hagedorn, who applauded both fighters for putting up a memorable show.

The stocky, 4-foot-11 Pe-Keng, who fights like Mike Tyson, had Gabuco on the verge of a knockout twice in the first round with right and left combinations.

But the hometown bet refused to fall, even finding the strength to stun Pe-Keng with her own rapid-fire punches to eventually gain the nod of the five-man jury.

The three-round clash wasn't lacking in drama. Referee Nelson Factoranan from the Visayas had stopped the fight in the initial round, thinking that he had already given Gabuco three standing eight-count.

Factoranan realized his mistake, however, and ordered both fighters to resume fighting.

"I was ready to mix it up. I knew I can come back," said Gabuco of her struggling start.

Following the instruction of former SEA Games veteran Danny Caabay, Gabuco scored heavily with stinging jabs to defuse Pe-Keng's go-go style in the second round. By the third and final round, Gabuco was in control, icing the win with solid punches to Pe-Keng's face.

In the men's division, Philippine Navy sent seven boxers to the finals set Saturday night and boosted its bid to retain the overall title.

The Navy finalists were Pinweight Albert Pabila, lightflyweight Franklin Alba, flyweight Arestio Gorra, bantamweight Joan Tipon, featherweight Joe Ladon and Edchell Tering-Tering and lighwelterweight Mark Melligen.

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FIRST JOB

IT was 1963 and the 22-year-old Mario T. Mananghaya was in a dilemma.

Should he follow his mother's advice and work for an investment bank or should he listen to his uncle who encouraged him to work instead for accounting firm, SGV & Co.?

Mananghaya agonized over his choices because on one hand, his mother was willing to give him a car if he worked for the bank, which offered to pay him three times more than what SGV quoted.

On the other hand, his uncle told him that he should forget about the money and the car and consider working for a leading, established company that would provide a long-term career.

To top it all, both companies wanted the newly passed Certified Public Accountant to report for work on the same day.

He woke up that fateful day without coming to a decision so he just went through the motions of riding a bus from his apartment in Caloocan to a church in Manila, as was his routine.

When Mananghaya got there, he just found himself riding a jeep to T.M. Kalaw and reporting for work in SGV, where he stayed for the next 25 years, starting out as an accounting clerk, then a manager in 1972 and eventually a partner in 1975.

"Looking back, it was probably destiny," Mananghaya, senior and managing partner of Laya Mananghaya and Co., tells SundayBiz.

Mananghaya got P150 a month, which was quite an increase from the P120 a month he was getting from an American trading firm where he worked while waiting for the results of the CPA exams.

He says he was probably influenced to go into accounting by his parents who were entrepreneurs in his hometown of Baliwag, Bulacan. It was through them that the University of the East graduate first learned the ropes.

"I have been helping my parents in their business since I was in grade school. That introduced me to business and maybe that was where I got the idea to take up accounting," Mananghaya says.

His parents were high school graduates but their propensity for hard work enabled them to put Mananghaya and his two younger siblings through school.

Honest day's work

Mananghaya inherited his parents' passion for putting in an honest day's work and he says this was one of the major factors that propelled him to the partnership at SGV, which was then, and still is, the country's biggest auditing firm.

A self-confessed workaholic, he regularly put in 10 to 14 hours a day for work from the time he started in SGV up to now with the company that bears his name. It was not unusual for him to even sacrifice his weekends if the job called for it.

"I remember bringing my wife and my children to Luneta Park when I had to go to work on Sundays. They would play there and then I would be at work, then they will pick me up at five in the afternoon then we will go to church in Ermita. We did that almost every Sunday during those years," Mananghaya says.

Supportive wife

He says that he is very lucky to have a very supportive wife who understood the demands of his job. It was his wife, Remedios, who had a direct hand in raising their three children—a son who became a board topnotcher in Architecture, a daughter who finished marketing psychology in De La Salle University and another daughter who followed her father's footsteps and became a CPA.

"I would not be where I am now if not for my wife," he says.

Mananghaya only has good memories of his stay with SGV, saying that it was there that he learned all about dealing with different people and being a professional. It was also there where Mananghaya, whose first car was a Volkswagen, developed a taste for elegant cars.

"I remember being the only one in SGV driving a French car. It was a Renault," Mananghaya says.

He also became known for his passion for good food, although he proudly says that many restaurants in the country cannot hold a candle to his wife's cooking.

Entrepreneurial streak

Mananghaya retired from SGV in January 1990 and he spent the next three years shuttling between Manila and the United States where he helped his brother and sister run

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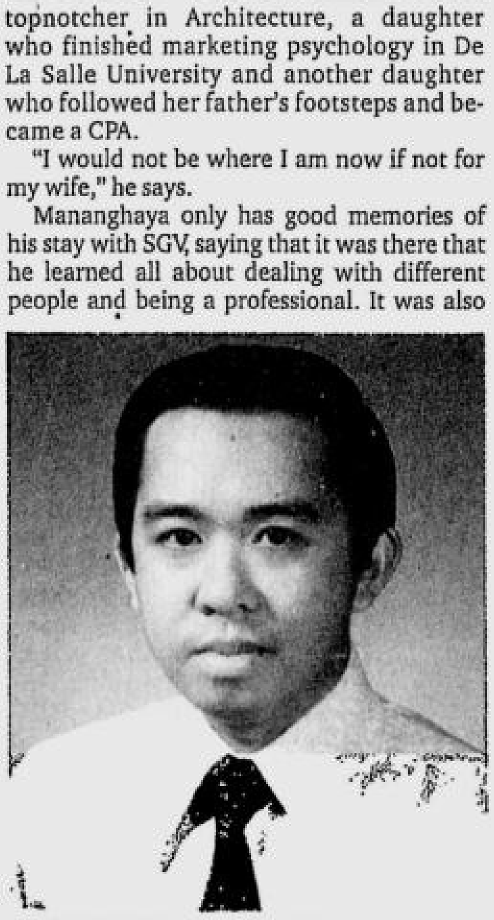

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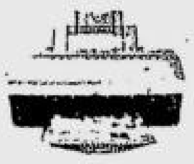

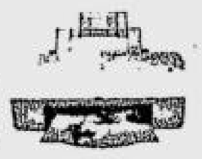

Sony turns to 'crossover' PlayStation to boost profits in new strategy

TOKYO—Sony Corp. unveiled a "crossover" PlayStation 2 video game console with a built-in DVD recorder and hard drive for storing data Wednesday, part of a strategy to combine technologies in hopes of boosting the company's brand and restoring its profitability.

The beefed-up PlayStation 2, called the PSX, will go on sale in Japan this year and is planned for the United States and Europe early next year, Sony executive deputy president Ken Kutaragi said. He refused to give a price.

"We want an extreme product to represent a new platform out of Sony," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel where a prototype was shown.

The PSX was the highlight of a presentation by Sony executives outlining a new strategy to calm investors after the company last month reported a worse-than-expected loss of 111 billion yen ($945 million) for the January-March quarter.

That sent Sony's shares sharply lower in what the Japanese media dubbed "the Sony shock."

"The Sony shock was a shock for us, too," said chief executive Nobuyuki Idei. "We want to change the shock into something positive."

Sony has repeatedly promised to generate profits through futuristic gadgets that download entertainment for the network-linked home, allowing Sony to exploit both its electronics and entertainment divisions.

The video game console market is fiercely competitive, pitting the PlayStation 2 against the Xbox from Microsoft Corp. and the GameCube from Nintendo Co.

The PlayStation 2 is the No. 1 video game machine, with 52.5 million sold worldwide. Sony also plans to start selling a portable PlayStation 2 called PSP next year that is designed to rival Nintendo's popular Game Boy handheld device.

Richard Doherty, research director at Envisioneering Group, a technology research company, praised Sony's decision to add features to the PlayStation 2 because so many people already own the console and are used to handling its controller.

In a demonstration Wednesday, a user with the game controller scrolled quickly through image icons to switch from TV to digital photo files to movies and music.

"It will not pay off immediately. But it's a very good direction," Doherty said. "A lot of consumers in all geographies of the world are tired of having two or three things attached to their TV."

Doherty said Sony's rivals would be hard-pressed to come up with versions of the PSX because neither Microsoft nor Nintendo possesses Sony's consumer electronics and game resources.

Some analysts were skeptical about PSX's prospects.

Jed Kolko of Forrester Research said the machine was trying to do too much. The overlap between game-players and people who want DVD recorders tends to be small, he said.

"The actual demand for the device is likely to fall short of expectations," he said.

Sony officials acknowledged the company overall is falling behind the competition. Even Sony's prized Vaio personal computers have lost their edge and domestic rival Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. outsells Sony in DVD recorders in Japan.

Like other Japanese electronics makers, Sony has taken a beating from emerging competition in Asia, especially China, that can produce gadgets at cheaper prices.

Sony plans to invest 500 billion yen ($4.3 billion) in computer chips through fiscal 2005 to maintain its competitive edge and will start producing next-generation liquid crystal displays for the lucrative flat-panel TV market. Sony now uses liquid crystal displays made by other companies. *AP*

Presidential agenda and style at its best and most intimate

By Dante M. Velasco
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"John F. Kennedy: The Presidential Portfolio"
By Charles Kenney
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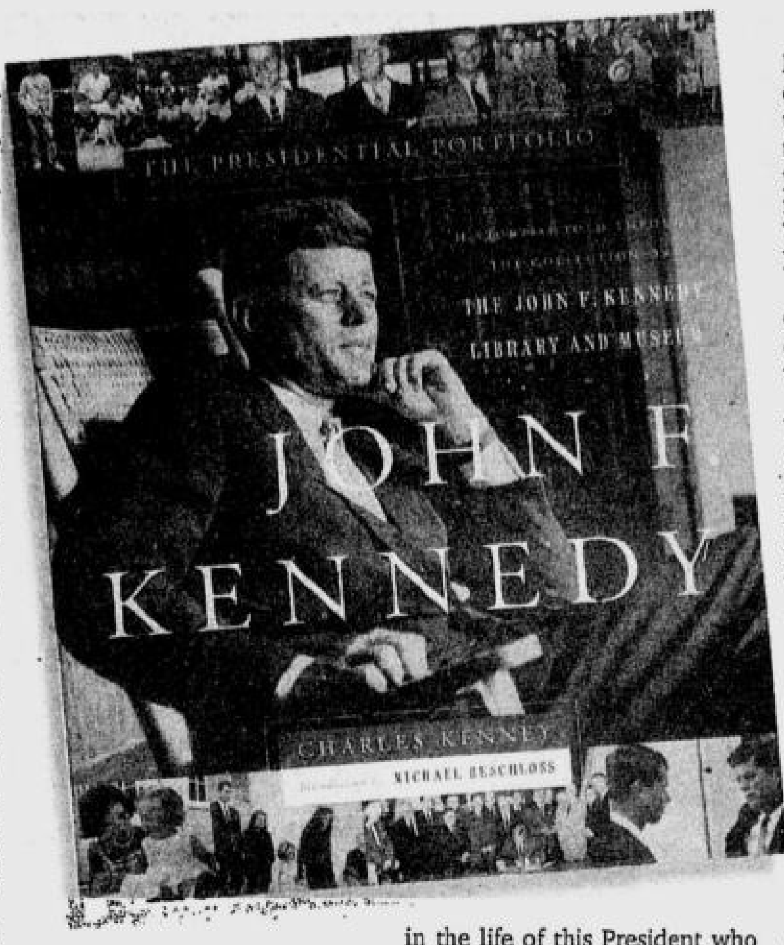
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A SENSE of nostalgia grips us every time we read a well-written speech that was actually delivered by a head of state.

In Nelson Mandela, you sense the fire and passion of one who went through a crucible of human struggle. In Tony Blair, you are moved by a stirring eloquence—marked by a steely resolve—in the middle of contrary opinion worldwide (like the invasion of Iraq).

And in John F. Kennedy, you happily note an easy style and flawless rhetoric that justifies the observation that Kennedy truly brought back elegance to the Presidential office—and have given Presidential speeches the quality that comes close to literature—if they are not literature itself.

The nostalgia persists because the present crop of leaders around the world—and at home—no longer bother about style, as if rhetoric is luxury, not necessity. They are wrong.

If the medium is the message, as Marshall Macluhan said many years ago, then crafting a statement or a speech is both science and art that requires the preoccupation of Presidents or their handlers.

Here is why: As someone put it, a leader may fail in other areas, but he or she should not fail to inspire. A thoughtfully crafted statement that "connects" with the people, or a touch of poetry in policy that goes to the heart of the problem (and then to the "hearts" of one's countrymen) becomes unforgettable—because it touches the core of their fierce hopes.

But, it is not only in public that a head of state moves a nation. It is also in his private moments—"away from the maddening crowd"—where he or she communicates a substance and style that makes one loved, at best, and credible, at least.

The problem is how do we know how these very public figures speak in the privacy of their living rooms or chat in the warmth of their fireplace?

Thankfully, there is a coffee table book, a rare find from Powerbooks, that makes eavesdroppers of us all.

The book, "John F. Kennedy: Presidential Portfolio," brings the reader intimately closer to how this President made difficult decisions "in an hour of maximum danger" like the Cuban Crisis in 1962: You actually eavesdrop on his critical conversation with former President Dwight Eisenhower—and appreciate the complexity of the options to be taken, calibrated to avoid a nuclear war.

This book has the best of worlds of printed text and sound in a compact disc. The printed text is divided into chapters that zero in on interesting highlights in the life of this President who continues to fascinate people.

A description of the enigmatic Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy is both apt and well informed, as when the author says: "From the beginning, there was something about her, something that set her apart."

In the chapter, "The Power of Symbols," the book identifies two favorite projects of Kennedy: the Peace Corps and the Space Race. The book says: "While Peace Corps volunteers labored on the ground, a much larger cold war competition was taking place far above the earth in the newest of all frontiers, outer space."

EXECUTIVE READ

When Yuri Gagarin orbited around the world, the Soviets outraced America. And so Kennedy asked: "Is there any place we can catch them?" So the President authorized a costly space program that landed the first man on the moon.

More intimate takes of Kennedy's decision making, subdued temper, easy going style and unorthodox campaigning are in this book. This is one book that proves to be a fitting sequel to a much earlier book by Theodore White, entitled, "The Making of a President."

And yet, since this is the 21st century, this portfolio has outdone White, since this one comes with a CD.

One intimate talk is with brother Robert Kennedy where they discuss how to deal with Harry Luce of Time. The third is a revealing exchange between Kennedy and White House spokesperson Lincoln White.

Kennedy chided (not scolded) White because of an unauthorized extension of the President's statement.

"You've got to be goddam careful!" says Kennedy, with subdued temper. (His is a lesson for holding Presidential tantrums!)

The CD has about 14 tracks. A riveting voice track is the exchange between Kennedy and Eisenhower where, according to the commentator, Eisenhower is "treating Kennedy like a kid," but in the end agrees with him and calls him respectfully as President.

In the discussion, Kennedy speaks about "increasing number of steps" on the Cuban blockade. Then he asks the General: "If we attack, could it trigger a nuclear war?" The General, with a voice of experience, replies: "I don't think they will fire the missiles."

In a century bereft of substance and style, where speeches sound like inter-office memoranda; in an age where a head of state loses his/her temper—and we call it "forthright"—and berates his/her subordinates—and we call it "strong"—we need this kind of book to remind the top leaders that they owe such office some breeding and style—and so inspire our countrymen. (dantemv@I-next.net)

Milk firm taps distributor for RP

MEAD Johnson Nutritionals, the world's leader in infant nutrition, has tapped Diethelm Keller, the number one health-care distributor in many Asian countries, to distribute its products in the Philippines. Diethelm Keller has been handling Mead Johnson's product distributorship in other countries.

Mead Johnson Phils. president and general manager Kasper Jakobsen said, "It will definitely bring greater efficiency. It is all about reaching more people more efficiently."

Jakobsen goes on to say that it is a relationship built in a convergence of business strategies.

The teaming up is actually just one of the last steps needed to complete a region-wide partnership.

Diethelm Keller has been distributing Mead Johnson's infant care products in several other countries for a while now. Diethelm Keller's Head for Global Business Unit Healthcare, Dr. Guido Oelkers, says, "It was just a matter of completing the regional partnership."

Benjamin Soberano, trade sales director for Mead Johnson, further describes the advantage of the initiative. "Long term benefits will be realized in terms of cost of sales and efficiency. There will be a focusing on systems." He goes on to say that Mead Johnson's "principle of openness" will be upheld: that of always being receptive to what is out there. He adds, "There was a change in the distribution model." Diethelm Keller met the challenge and expressed the aggressiveness needed to fulfill it.

Mead Johnson and Diethelm Keller are optimistic about the partnership. They both refer to it as a "strategic alliance." And both are dynamic companies. They realize that each has something to offer the other: the opportunity to really enhance growth, productivity, efficiency, necessary for the achievement of their long-term goals.

MEAD Johnson Nutritionals appointed Diethelm Keller as its sole distributor for Mead Johnson products in the Asia Pacific region. Diethelm Keller Head - Global Business Unit Healthcare Dr. Guido Oelkers, and Mead Johnson President and General Manager, Kasper Jakobsen, are all smiles after the contract signing for their partnership.

Workaholic worked 14 hours a day for 25 years

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their businesses.

His siblings inherited their parents' entrepreneurial streak. His brother, who almost became a priest, runs a food business while his sister manages a string of apartments.

He kept in touch with friends and associates from Manila and he was lured to go back to the corporate world in 1994 when a friend of his visited him in the US and offered him a job as chief financial officer of Isla Communications Co., which had just been awarded a telecommunications franchise.

It was an entirely new field for Mananghaya but he says his two years in Islacom exposed him to other parts of the business field, and that experience opened his eyes to the corporate world's need for an alternative accounting and auditing firm.

He says it was for this reason that he accepted the offer by former Education Secretary Jaime Laya to join him in forming an accounting firm, the local partner of Coopers and Lybrand.

He admits that it took him a while to decide to join Laya because he still had ties with SGV and he was reluctant to compete against his former employer.

But the desire to offer something new to the market was strong. He became managing partner and chief operating officer of Laya, Mananghaya, Salgado and Co. on Oct. 1, 1996. Laya, on the other hand, became chair of the company, which became Laya Mananghaya and Co. in 1998.

"We have a clear delineation of authority. He is the chair while I run the daily, by the minute work in the company," he says.

Their partnership has borne fruit. In just seven years, the company, now a member firm of KPMG International has become the third biggest accounting firm in terms of number of people, behind SGV, partner of Ernst and Young, and Joaquin Cunanan and Co., the partner firm of PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

To achieve that goal meant making sure that the 450 or so staff (from 35 when it started) should be happy working for the company.

MANANGHAYA family taking a vacation in New York

Treat people fairly

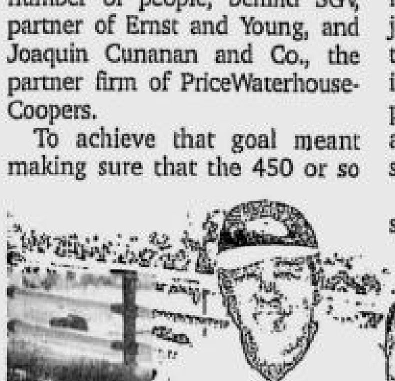
"In this business where you need people to make sure that a job is done well, you have to treat people fairly. I have a belief in life that you just have to treat people with fairness and equity and they will work well," he says.

Mananghaya says being fair also means being strict, especially when it comes to following standards because the accounting and auditing business is based on trust.

"I am very strict when it comes to enforcing discipline, in making sure that we follow our way of doing things. I may be considered a slave driver but I am a slave driver to myself. I still work the same way that I did when I first started working," Mananghaya says.

Mananghaya, however, says that he has slowed down his pace a little and he now has more time for his family, especially for his wife of 38 years. But he has not removed his eye from his goal when he joined the company.

"When I joined the company, I said that we would build a world-class firm with world-class clients and world-class professionals. I believe we are on our way to achieving that," Mananghaya says.



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Metallurgist gets his hands dirty fixing rich men's toys

PADUA gets jetskis off the repair shop and into the water.

By Senen C. Bravo

WHILE Bert Padua was busy tinkering with his SEA-DOO jet ski one sunny afternoon in Caliraya in 1999, curious campers approached him.

"They asked me if I could repair their jet skis," remembers Padua.

After an hour or two, they were flashing their thumbs-up, ready to hit the water again.

Padua bought a second-hand SEA-DOO jet ski in 1999 to satisfy his need for speed.

"I have a lifelong affair with extreme sports, and it dates back to my teenage days," says Padua.

For this workaholic who spends most of his time at the shop repairing and upgrading engines, the key is healthy work attitude and lifestyle. Taking a vitamin supplement every day ensures he will last the day.

"As far as I know this brand energizes President Bush no end," says Padua.

As a child, Padua already knew how to do minor repairs, a trait rarely seen from kids his age.

When jet ski mania hit the country in the early '90s, he wasted no time and joined the fray. For aficionados like him craving for the adrenaline rush, engine trouble must be kept at bay. Countless repairs, however, turn out to be financially draining and frustrating.

"Jet ski maintenance is still in its formative stage and with three players around there's still room for improvement," admits Padua.

Troubleshooter

To keep a unit in peak condition, Padua says, an owner needs P2,000-3,000 monthly. How to troubleshoot is another concern.

With two distributors in the metropolis servicing clients even from the provinces, Padua hopes to complement their efforts.

This La Union native is no newcomer to business. His four-year-old Jet Works (Marine and PWC Engineering) is just one of his businesses.

Padua believes jet ski craze is here to stay. His shop is at 86 Spain St., Better Living Subdivision in Parañaque and see 10-15 jet skis (Yamaha, SEA-DOO) parked beside and in front of his house-turned-garage shop. Go to the backyard and get yourself lost at the tangle and maze of tools and machines.

To accommodate more jet skis, a two-story building is now in the works in his 450-square-meter lot within the subdivision. "Clients are increasing in number," he says.

"Aside from repair I also redesign some of the spare parts," says Padua.

He has EDM (electrical discharge machine), which fashions different shapes of metals for jet ski parts, VMM (vertical milling machine), which dishes out metal shapes with precise measurements, and Plasma Cutter, which cuts hardened materials without distorting them.

Add his being a metallurgist and you have the right metal for your jet ski.

"I studied metallurgy in the US, precision machining and tooling," says Padua.

Atypical mechanic

Padua is not your mechanic who does his trade by the book. "What I do is improve on what is written in the books," says Padua.

The Lopezes of Batangas, racing champion Jojo Silverio and rally driver Roland Hermosa top his list of satisified clients.

Padua's up-to-4-in-the-morning work schedule finds him doing engine modification (he changes a 110 modification to 125), crankshaft rebuilding and blue printing.

Shell out P50,000-to-P120,000 (overhaul with a two-month guarantee) and your jet ski can now hit 80-100 hours trouble-free. He also makes sure your jet ski receives the most out of carburetor pop-off and tuning, cleaning of filters, regapping of the rotary valve cover services (P2,500-P8,000) for a smooth ride.

The electronic bilge pump, which he manufactures and designs, clears the engine of salt water to avoid engine damage. It also does a round-the-clock job even when your jet ski is on dock.

Helping him in the demanding job is his high schooler son, Conan, who hands out the tools and is always at the father's beck and call.

"I am training him in the ins and outs of the trade," says Padua.

Because a two-stroke engine emits a lot of smoke, Padua does the trick of fine-tuning the carburetor and converting auto-lube to premix (mixing of oil and gasoline).

"My contribution to the environment," says Padua.

This Silliman University undergrad (he took up mechanical engineering) has been running an auto shop since 1986. Three years of experience in engine overhaul and testing at the Wallace Air Station in La Union improved his skills.

At Delta Motors he emerged even better at assembling car engines and using various industrial machines.

Extreme sports forced him to excel as he ruled the open class expert division in the Asian motocross championship in the early '60s and '70s.

How does he convince clients?

"I take them to Caliraya, test their jet skis and let the slalom turns do the talking," says Padua.

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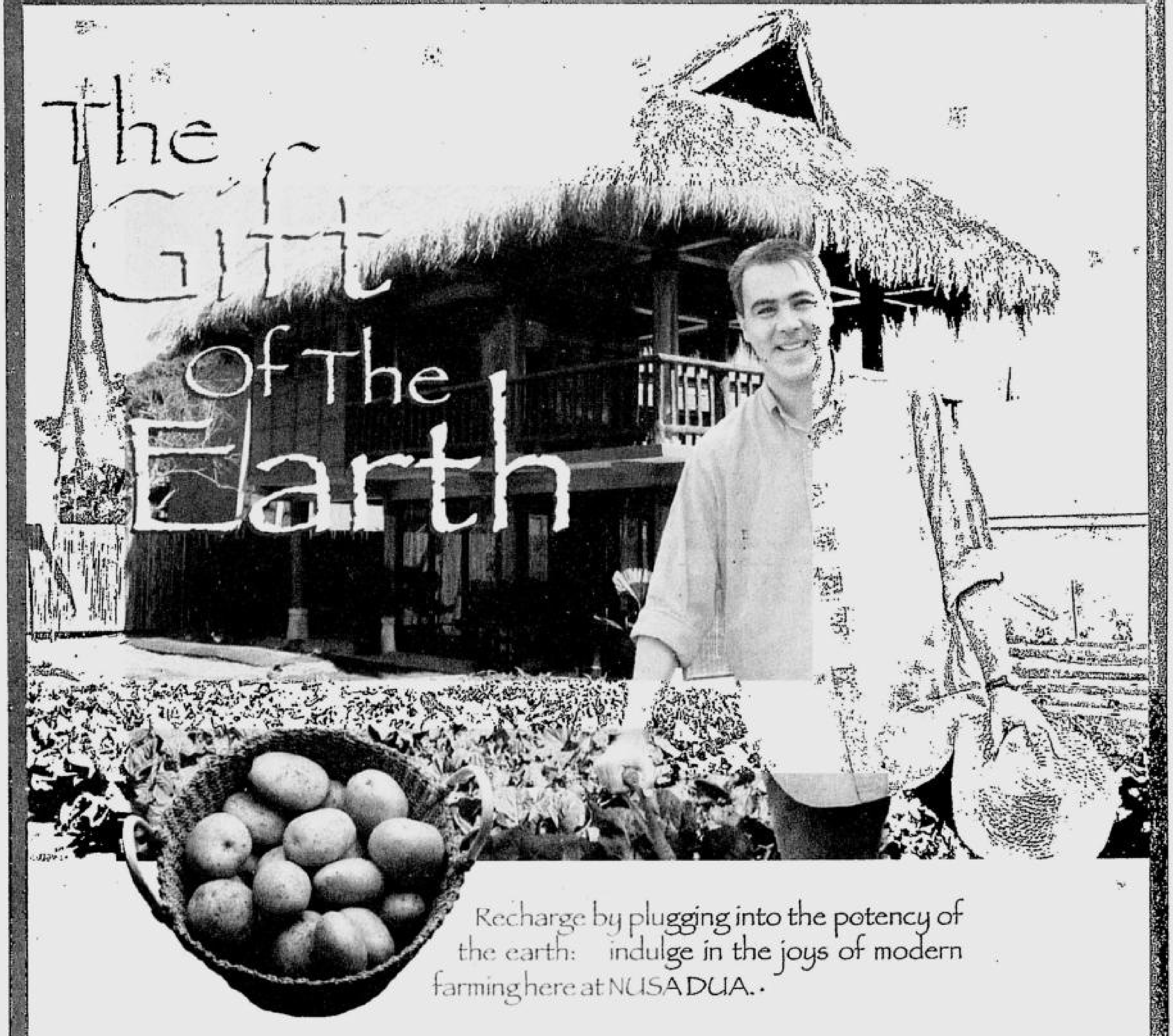
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Editor Aries Espinosa

Why are some children lagging behind the growth curve?

NOT ALL children achieve the normal height and weight gain that is appropriate at a certain age, particularly the ages of 1 to 10. There are cases that growing up slows down at a certain point, termed as "growth faltering." Studies say that 50 percent of children below five years old will experience growth faltering, so it is understandable that it becomes heartbreaking - and often baffling - for parents when they notice that their child is not growing up "ideally" in terms of height and weight despite their best efforts to supply their children with the necessary nutritive support.

There can be a multitude of reasons why children fail to achieve their expected weight and height during their growing years. Common concepts on genetics, where the children are supposed to "inherit" whatever genetic structures their parents have, is usually pointed to as the reason behind it. But the most common reason is that children who are choosy with their food and who usually skip meals are also common victims of what is now called "stunted growth," making it sensible to say that lesser food and insufficient caloric intake results to this dilemma. Results of various research are alarming, where it revealed that 43 percent of children in developing countries are growth stunted while 36 percent are underweight because of poor eating habits, most especially children 3 to 7.

Even active children, who need high amounts of energy to sustain their active life, may not be spared from stunted growth, if not given the proper nutritional supplements. This is where catch-up growth becomes a necessary action.

Nutrition plays a big factor in addressing this alarming situation. Nutrition fuels the body, it sustains the energy needed by children as they go through their growing-up stage. The pace and development of their growth should be at a level that is appropriate to their age. The vitamins and minerals that their bodies need are the catalysts for their growth, so there is an essential need that food supplements, given to children who refuse or continue to be "picky" with the food they eat, should be packed with the most complete and balanced nutritional content to ensure proper growth and development.

For this purpose, Abbott Laboratories developed Pediasure, a complete and balanced nutritional supplement especially formulated for children aged one to 10 to help support growth, enhance immunity, and provide the essential nutrients for proper growth and development. Pediasure offers optimum nutrition for active children, "picky" eaters, who may suffer from nutritional imbalance because of inadequate diet due to frequent meal skipping, or decreased food intake or loss of appetite due to illness.

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Pediasure is now available in leading supermarkets and drugstores nationwide. Ask your friendly doctor about Pediasure today.

POOR BUT BRIGHT STUDENTS RULE HANG TEN 2003 AWARDS

Proving that poverty isn't a hindrance to excel in school, 10 poor but bright students dominated the prestigious 'Hang Ten Perfect 10 Tribute to Young Achievers,' a citation annually given by popular youth apparel Hang Ten to the class valedictorians of the 10 largest public high schools in Metro Manila. Receiving the awards were Rizza Lorena Galvez of Parañaque National High School and Seifred Loro of Rizal High School - both students of their schools and were inspired by the sacrifices of their family to excel. Marylene Broncano of Muntinlupa National High School topped a class of 2,000 while Pedro Pamittan of Fort Bonifacio High School and Archie Q. Dolit of Marikina High School bested 1,500 students of their batch. Other recipients of the Hang Ten citation were Lloyd Yales of Culiat High School and Kazuo Hoshina of Pedro Diaz High School who were both raised single-handedly by their respective mothers; Jahan Elgar Castro of Batasan Hills National High School; Mary Cor Ballesteros of Camarin High School; and Christine Bellen of Novaliches High School.

CBA SIGNING

CCSUM SIGNS CBA WITH COCA-COLA MANAGEMENT

Coca-Cola Sales Force Union-Meycauayan (CCSUM) inked their CBA with Coca-Cola management recently thus forging a stronger collaboration and closer ties. CCSMU president Arnel Blanquisco together with other union officers met with Coca-Cola area sales manager for North GMA Gregorio Bungcasan Jr., labor relations manager Edgardo Carasig, HR managers Rotie Taguibao, Emmie Cura, Ronald Dumadag and other management representatives to seal the agreement. Shown in photo are union officers and management representatives posing for the camera while Mr Blanquisco (right) and Mr Bungcasan (left) shake hands.

MASTERS OF LIFESTYLE SELLING

Jun Vivas (left), project consultant for Ledesco Development Corp.; trainor par excellence Jun Garing (middle), president of Salesman Center Philippines and TV host RJ Ledesma regularly conduct series of seminars entitled 'Masters in the Art of Lifestlye Selling'. Its case study is the Buena Vista Nature Park and Country Club and Taal View Heights Nature Villas, latest twin projects of Ledesco Development Corp. that offers investors the best real estate investment available today.

Breaking barriers with Interlink

THE DEMAND for relevant information is endless. Whether you are in the city or in the countryside, you have the right to receive information and be informed. With this in mind, a new public relations agency was formed. Named Interlink Media Network, its mission is to serve as the main link of information from Manila to the countryside and vice versa.

A brainchild of well-known publisher and PR man Danny Fajardo, Interlink will be the best avenue to have your goods and services reach even the most far-off places in Visayas and Mindanao. Aside from this, the agency will also serve as the general agent for provincial newspapers in accepting advertisement.

Due to lack of support from the government and private corporations most community newspapers are dying. Through Interlinks mission, provincial newspapers can now receive advertisement, thus, giving them a new hope to continue their pursuit in delivering fast and reliable news within their locality.

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TOTAL OPENS ZAMBALES STATION

TotalFinaElf Philippines (TFE Phils.) marketer of the Total brand opened its first service station in Zambales along the National Highway as part of the TFE Phils. aggressive expansion plan to put up more stations in and out of Metro Manila. Photo shows (from right) Subic Mayor Jeffrey Khonghun; Total Zambales retailer Teresita Arce; Fr. Nelson Bensilao; partly hidden are TFE Phils. vice president for retail Grilles Cartier with co-retailer Manuel Arce.

BPI FAMILY BANK, SB CORP. SIGN DEAL

The country's biggest thrift bank, BPI Family Bank (BFB), to fully support the growth of small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) recently linked with Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corp. (SB Corp.), the government entity tasked to provide loan funding and guarantees to SMEs. According to BFB president Aurelio R. Montinola III, the bank has alloted up to P12 billion for SME lending alone and hopes to substantially increase the bank's over P5.5 billion SME portfolio through SB Corp. guarantees. Shown in photo are (from left) SVP Mario V. Palou, BFB SME division head, BFB president Aurelio Montinola III, SB Corp. chair Zorayda Amelia Alonzo and SB Corp. president Benel Lagua.

Palm Grove Village: great houses and promos

SUMMER'S almost gone and so are the Palm Grove Village homes. Prime areas are now open and only a few units are still available. At Palm Grove, the best-selling quality community of Property Company of Friends Inc. (Pro-Friends), you can get more for your money.

Cool Summer Gimmick at the Grove is Palm Grove's special treat. You not only get the chance of a lifetime by owning your dream home, you can even win fantastic prizes if you reserve now.

Visit Palm grove Village on any weekend from May 31 to June 29 and be part of the special promo. Buyers who reserve a house and lot unit will be entitled to a raffle ticket. Prizes include: Boracay Gimmick, with airfare and accommodations for two to the island paradise; Metro Gimmick, three-days and two-nights accommodations at a five-star hotel; Dining Gimmick, worth P5,000 for four persons at a fine dining restaurant (plus you can take pictures of the event with a free camera). Shoppaholics can also win a Shopping Gimmick worth P2,000 plus a CD player.

Nestled in booming Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite, Palm Grove Village is a real estate oasis. Country style 3-bedroom, single attached homes are planned carefully to grow with your family. Built on a 47,026 sq. meter expanse, Palm Grove's elegant entrance gate leads to a 15m entrance road. More than 5,000 sq. meters of parks and open spaces, planted with different varieties of palms, allow future residents to take long walks with their families.

Palm Grove also puts a premium on fun time by placing a Town Center Hall which is the community's gathering place. Rain or shine, people can always enjoy a basketball game in the covered courts. Residents can also cool off in the blue waters of the swimming pool surrounded by the calming sounds of its waterfalls. One of the best things about Palm Grove is the uniquely themed 2,000 sq. m. commercial complex that in the future, may give residents the convenience of coffee shops, boutiques, and internet cafes without the noise and the chaos of city living.

Accessibility is also an advantage at Palm Grove Village. Just a stone's throw away are three major thoroughfares: Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, South Luzon Expressway, and the Coastal Road that links the community to Metro Manila.

Come and join us at the Palm Grove Village open house and reserve your dream home now. Call Wheng or Cath at Property Company of Friends (Pro-Friends) tel. no. 535-5345 or 535-5170.

PLDT UNVEILS NEW BUILDING AT ATENEO CAMPUS

PLDT recently unveiled the new Convergent Technologies Center at the Ateneo campus in Loyola Heights, Quezon City. The PLDT group donated P50 million for the new building dedicated to the advancement of convergent technologies, which refer to the coming together of various and distinct technologies and media to create a convenient, useful and integrated communications platform. Photo shows PLDT group executives, led by president Manuel Pangilinan (center), converging with officials of Ateneo de Manila University. From left are Dr. Anna Miren Gonzales-Intal, vice president for the Loyola schools; Fr. Carmelo Cauag, S.J., vice president for planning and development and alumni affairs; Antonio Samson, PLDT executive vice president and PLDT foundation treasurer; Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Ateneo de Manila University president; Ramon Isberto, Smart public affairs head; and Dr. Fabian Dayrit, dean, school of science and engineering.

BMAP MEET

Dr. Johnny Noel Ravalo (extreme left), a noted economist, talks about value added tax before officers and members of the Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines (BMAP) at their recent meeting at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. The former chief economist of Banking Association of the Philippines (BAP) calls for the scrapping of VAT, which he says is a form of double taxation since corporations being subjected to it are already paying their corporate income taxes. Photo shows other attendees during the event (from left) Miguel Andaya, consultant of BAP; Suzanne Felix, executive director of Chamber of Thrifts Banks; Rey Sarmiento, president of Real Bank and Ted Torres, president of Ejap.

Shifting from MNCs to a family-owned club

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

HE has always worked for a multinational group, or a management company that owned a chain of resorts or hotels in different parts of the world.

But by accepting the management of The Palms Country Club, Graham Kiy, knew he was treading on unknown territory in terms of working directly with the establishment owners.

For unlike all the other clubs and resorts he has worked in, Palms is owned by a family—the Gotianuns—who also own Filinvest, probably the biggest commercial development in the south, where The Palms stands on.

"It wasn't until I saw the place and met the owners that I accepted," says the 41-year old 6'4" British general manager.

Palms tapped an American architect to design the place. Basically the place is sort of zoned into two—the relatively fine dining places are placed on the left side while the right side is where the sports and leisure activities are located.

Kiy was impressed with the lay out and design.

"It wasn't until I saw the place and met the owners that I decided. Seeing the size and the quality of work, my decision was quick. It is the best planned facility that is built for its market. The plan of the workspace is well executed," he says.

But what convinced him was after his meeting with Josephine Gotianun-Yap, daughter of taipan Andrew Gotianun, who is in charge with the developments in the Filinvest area.

Independence in management

"One of the important things Josephine agreed on was to have a certain amount of independence in running the club. In the past, you would have owners of clubs speaking directly to the staff and making changes. Here at Palms, rules and guidelines were made between management and the board."

Satisfied with the design of the club and its facilities and the professionalism of the management, Kiy focused his attention on the staffing.

He says he was very hands-on with the hiring and interviewed 300 applicants, and hired 180.

"In the service business, it is very important to have young, friendly, fresh faces," he says.

The multi-lingual manager says what he looked for in the applicants was simply ambition in life.

Attitude in life

"I looked for the applicant's attitude in life. If someone told me 'In ten years time I want your job,' he was hired on the spot ," Graham says. He says about five said that.

Kiy says the Philippines has a strong restaurant business because many Filipinos have experienced working in the hospitality businesses abroad.

At the same time he admits that some of his hires have already gone overseas.

But he says he finds the young ,very enthusiastic with their work. And what he does is rotate the staff into different areas so that no matter where they are assigned they can talk about the other facilities or menu of the country club.

Nuances in running a club

There are nuances to working in a club with various members.

He admits that sometimes some complaints are unreasonable but what he does is "personally reply to the comments and if there are complaints I investigate."

By nine each morning, Kiy checks the logbooks to see what happened throughout the previous day. At 10:30, he conducts a meeting with the operators and the supervisors except during weekends which is when the place is full.

In the afternoon, he does the paperwork. He always carries a black book to write ideas or things to follow up and posts it on his to do list.

He has his day-off on Mondays and tries to see as much of the Philippines as he can.

His main focus now is to get more corporate members for the Club. He says corporate accounts usually have bigger budgets.

He is married to a Thai and has two sons. He has opened a day care at Palms where his sons go.

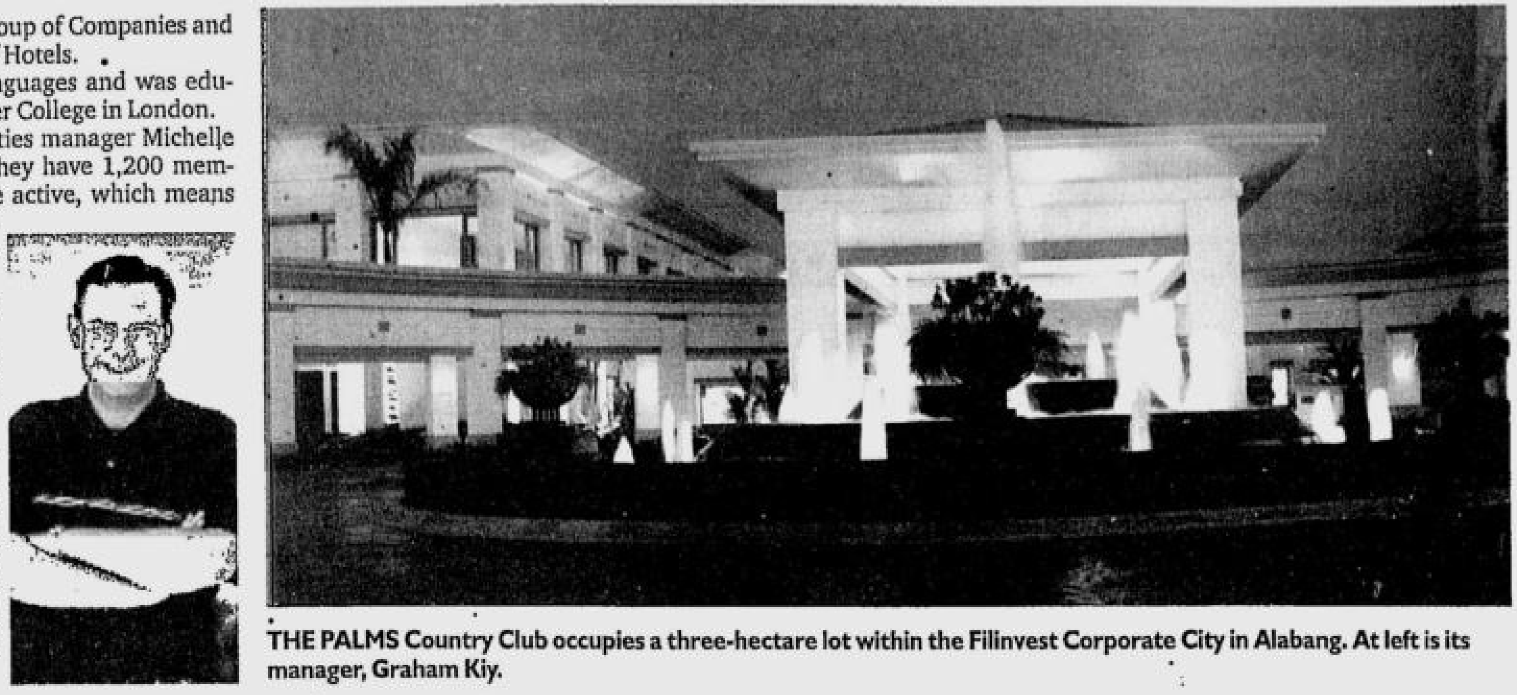
Before joining Palms he was the CCA International, a management firm. He was also with the New World Group of Companies and The Peninsula Group of Hotels.

Kiy speaks seven languages and was educated at the Westminster College in London.

Palms' PR and activities manager Michelle T. Tuason says so far they have 1,200 members, half of whom are active, which means they are at the club almost daily during the summer.

They have up to 2,400 shares to sell. Each share costs about P700,000 today.

Tuason says they organize various activities to encourage the members to visit the club. Marketed mostly as a family club, their activities cater to parents as well as the children.



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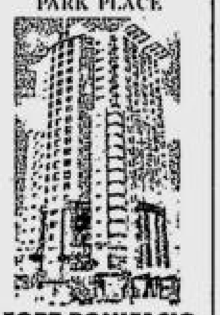

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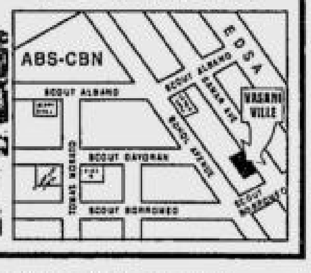

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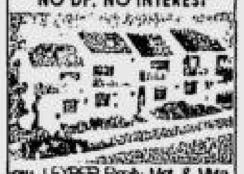

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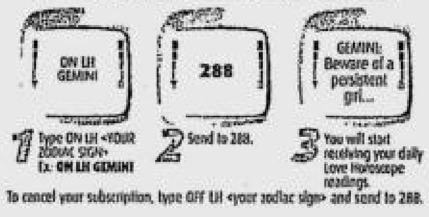
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RAUL LACSON LOCSIN

September 19, 1931 – May 24, 2003

wish to convey their heartfelt gratitude to all those who paid their last respects and grieved with them, offered prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, joined the celebration of Mass and gave them comfort in various ways at the time of their great loss and sorrow.

We thank **Didi** and **Reji** for their loyalty and selfless devotion to him.

We are indebted to **Becky Fernando** for her special love, care and affection, which gave Daddy immeasurable happiness.

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Teresita Alcantara Castro

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Her remains lie in state at the St. Therese Chapel, UP Los Baños. Cremation will be on Tuesday, June 3, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Message of Thanks

We, the Family of the late

ONG POO CHONG

who passed away last May 18, 2003 at the age of 78

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

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Magallanes Village, Makati City
Tels 852-8228, 852-7284
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Tels 749-3679, 781-1772
ST. PETER FUNERAL HOMES
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Tels 831-3797 844-7846 843-1801, 845-4836
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1511 Gen. Luna St., Paco, Manila,
Tels. 522-8846; 522-9438; 400-5394

URGENT NOTICE

This is to inform the public that the following individuals were placed on "FORCE LEAVE" by KLT FRUITS, INC.'s management effective May 16, 2003, up to the dates of their resignations below.

These people are no longer authorized to transact or do business for and in behalf of KLT FRUITS, INC.

Seymour H. Cherun
VP Sales & Marketing
June 03, 2002

Evangeline "Boots" J. Nicolas
Sales Manager
June 21, 2003

Rayda M. Distor
Executive Secretary
May 31, 2003

Carolyn P. Martinez
Account Specialist
May 31, 2003

Liezel G. Calzo
Account Specialist
May 31, 2003

Edgardo G. Arzobal
Logistics Supervisor
May 30, 2003

KLT FRUITS, INC. have filed an initial Php 20 Million damage lawsuit against these individuals which is now pending before the REGIONAL TRIAL COURT of MANDALUYONG CITY.

For further inquiries regarding this matter, please call 747.1039 or email INFO@KLTFRUITS.COM.

Philippine Air Force
Air Force Logistics and Support Command
Headquarters 420th Supply Wing
Clark Air Base, Air Force City
Angeles City, Pampanga

NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC BIDDING

THE PAF Disposal Committee will receive sealed bids until **17 June 2003, 2:00 PM at Conference Room, 420th Supply Wing, Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga** for the sale of the following unserviceable properties on **"As is, Where is" basis.**

Lot Number/Description		Location	Min Bid Price
02-154-03	– Six (6) UH-IH Carcasses w/-tail nrs; 178, 373, 613, 961, 457 & 958	410th MW, Clark Air Base Angeles City, Pampanga	P 40,000.00
02-190-07	– One (1) unit Airplane Utility N22B w/ tail nr B-20	220th AW, BEAB, Mactan Cebu City	12,000.00
02-201-09	– Assorted Quartermaster & Office Equipment	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base Floridablanca, Pampanga	8,000.00
8-040-008	– Three (3) units T-41D Acft Carcasses w/ tail nrs 974,975 & 952	Disposal Yard, Basa Air Base Floridablanca, Pampanga	40,000.00

REMINDERS TO BIDDERS:

1. To inspect the properties to determine their actual condition before the bidding.
2. To submit bid in PAF official bid form.
3. Earnest money is required in the form of cash or manager's check equivalent to (10%) of the bid price.
4. To be on time. No bids will be accepted once unsealing of the bids commence.
5. Pre-bid conference and issuance of Bid Forms (P200.00 per set) will be on **11 June 2003, 2:00 PM at 420th SW Conference Rm,** Clark Air Base, Angeles City, Pampanga.
6. Inspection schedule will be from 03-11 June 2003, from 0800H to 1600H, Monday to Friday.

PAF DISPOSAL COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS FOUND THEREIN, AND TO ACCEPT SUCH BIDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE PAF.

For details and schedule of inspection: call Cpt Vicente F Flora Jr PAF at (045) 599-2015 LOC. 6524 OR CELL no. 0920-4069761.

(Sgd.) CLAUDIO P ESTALILLA
Brigadier General, AFP
Chairman, PAF Disposal Committee

(PDI – May 31, June 1 & 2, 2003)

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OBITUARIES

EDUARDO H. EVANGELISTA

of Pilar Village, Las Piñas City
Peacefully joined his Creator on May 29, 2003.

His loving wife, **Jeanett**; children **Raphael Vincent, Eduardo Jr.**, and **Roland Ray**; parents, **Feliciano (†)** and **Caridad (†)**, parents-in-law, **Mercedes Lim-Timbol** and **Ernesto Lim (†)**; sisters, brothers and other relatives and friends mourn his passing and request fervent prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body lies in state at Loyola Memorial Chapel A, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Necrological services will be held on Monday, June 2, 2003 at 9:00 p.m. following the 8:00 p.m. mass at Loyola Memorial Chapels.

There will be a funeral mass on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. after which his remains will be transferred to Manila Memorial Crematorium, Sucat, Parañaque City for cremation at 2:00 p.m.

An obituary with a picture can be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

Always caring... **INQUIRER OBITUARIES**

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate ❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT
MESSAGE OF THANKS · DEATH ANNIVERSARY
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"I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of glory reserved for me which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day..."
2 Timothy 4:7-8

The Missionary Society of St. Columban

mourns the death of

FR. COLUM SEAN O'HALPIN

who died in Makati Medical Center on May 30, 2003
at the age of 75.

Fr. O'Halpin was ordained in Ireland in 1949 and came to the Philippines the following year. For the next 53 years the province of Negros Occidental was to be his home. The number of parishes where he ministered virtually covers the whole of what is now the Diocese of Kabankalan. His first assignment was to Cauayan in the south and then to the mountain parish of Canla-on in the north. He also served the parishes of Kabankalan, Candoni, Payao, Sipalay Mines, Bacuyangan Hinobaan. His final and longest assignment was to the Biscom Sugar Central in Binalbagan where he spent the last fourteen years.

Fr. Colum was well known for his interest and contribution to the promotion of Philippine athletics. He was proud of the many national champions he had coached and supported in track and field. His devotion to the sport and to the development of promising athletes will be long remembered.

The Funeral Mass will be held in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Kabankalan City on Tuesday, 3rd June at 10:00 a.m. The burial will follow immediately afterwards.

May he rest in peace

"The Lord is my strength and my shield
in whom my heart trusted and found help.
So my heart rejoices; with my song
I praise my God.
Psalm 28:7

N O T I C E

Goodyear Eagle F1 Users On Road Hazard Warranty

☐ We now have new procedures out for claiming Road Hazard Warranty, including new forms and requirements.

☐ If you own Goodyear Eagle F1 tyres, please go back to the outlet where you purchased them and fill out a New Registration Form so that you may be qualified to claim warranty if any road hazard damage occurs on your tyres. Just present a COPY OF INVOICE and the Old Road Hazard Claim Card, only if a claim card was given to you.

☐ If you have not registered with your outlet, and a road hazard damage occurred on your tyre, you may claim Road Hazard Warranty using the Old Road Hazard Claim Card but only until October 31, 2003. If you don't have the Road Hazard Claim Card, you may still claim Road Hazard Warranty but only until July 31, 2003. Both instances require you to present a COPY OF INVOICE.

☐ So we urge you to go back to your tyre outlet to register for the New Road Hazard Warranty. For inquiries and concerns, please call the Goodyear Customer Service Hotline at 850-9999 loc. 101 to 105.

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Bldg. #3 San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue,
Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines
Tel. No. (632) 7438301; Fax No. 743-7236
E-mail Address: www.doh.gov.ph

30 May 2003

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

IFB No. 2003-7-3 (14)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed bids from interested bidders to provide *Janitorial Services* to the DOH Central Office for the year 2003.

A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested eligible bidders upon payment of ***non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00)*** only from the Procurement and Logistics Service, Bldg. No. 26 from **June 9 to 27, 2003.**

A ***pre-bidding conference*** will be held on **June 20, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.,** MMD Conference Room, 2/F, Bldg. #25, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Bids must be submitted to the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) at the MMD Conference Room, 2/F, Bldg. #25, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, not later than **9:30 a.m.** on **July 4, 2003.** All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, and bank draft/guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank.

The DOH reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds to the Department of Health.

The Approved Budget Cost will be announced during the pre-bid conference.

By authority of the Secretary of Health:

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–June 1 & 8, 2003)

NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

NPC-PSD 2003-001

The Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) - PSD of NPC invites interested bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following requirements:

SCHEDULE		ITEM/DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER	ABC
		DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 18, 2003; 10:00 AM		
A1	1 LOT	LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA INTENDED FOR MAKBAN GEOTHERMAL PP	3 MAR03-0105	P 2,362,500.00
A2	1 LOT	HYDROCHLORIC ACID (HCL) INTENDED FOR BATANGAS COAL FIRED PP	2BCF03-0089	P 1,486,991.51
		DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 18, 2003; 2:00 PM		
B1	1 LOT	PIPES, FLANGES, ELBOWS	5PGP103-0007	P 5,551,241.00
		DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 9:00 AM		
C1	1 LOT	SPARE PARTS FOR HOTWELL PUMP "EBARA"	5PGP203-0007	P 1,480,705.00
C2	12 PCS	SHAFT SLEEVES, LEFT & RIGHT FOR AUXILLARY COOLING BOOSTER PUMP "EBARA"	5PGP203-0006	P 1,068,228.00
C3	1 SET	ACTUATOR, ELECTRIC "SEIBUELECTRIC MFR. CO."	5PGP103-0008	P 2,400,000.00
		DATE OF BIDDING: JUNE 19, 2003; 2:00 PM		
D1	3 UNITS	POTENTIAL TRANSFORMER "FUJI ELECTRIC"	5PGP202-0057	P 433,392.00
D2	1 LOT	VALVES, GAS INLET AND OUTLET SGE "SHOWA"	5PGP103-0053	P 15,600,000.00
D3	14 PCS	DC-DC POWER SUPPLY MODULE	3BAC02-0542	P 1,400,000.00

NOTE: A Pre-Bidding Conference will be held at the bidding room for the following bidding schedules on:

B1 - JUNE 04, 2003; 9:00 AM
C1 - JUNE 04, 2003; 10:00 AM
C2 - JUNE 04, 2003; 11:00 AM
C3 - JUNE 04, 2003; 2:00 PM
D1 - JUNE 04, 2003; 3:00 PM
D2 - JUNE 04, 2003; 4:00 PM
D3 - JUNE 05, 2003; 10:00 AM

Complete sets of Application form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Procurement Services Division, Materials Management Department of NPC, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of non-refundable fee of PHP 100.00 per schedule starting on May 28, 2003. No bid documents will be issued 3 days before the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the assigned Bidding Room, PSD, MMD, NPC, Diliman, Quezon City on the date and time specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Bid Proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders. Certificate of Registration issued by former Genco Offices will be honored provided that the Certification is still valid.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution in accordance with the IRR of "Executive Order 40".

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his/her bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget for the contract to be bid in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Irrevocable Letter of Credit-One Percent (1%), Bank Guarantee - One and a half percent (1.5%), Surety bond - Two and a half percent (2.5%), penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

NPC reserves the right to reject any or all bids at any time prior to award of contract, waive any defects therein, and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation without thereby incurring any of the following: a) liability whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids; and b) obligation to inform the affected or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

CHAIRMAN
Bids and Awards Committee
PSD-NPC

(PDI - May 25 & June 1, 2003)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The following persons are hereby notified of their overdue payments on their installments for the purchase of the following real estate properties, namely:

NAME	PROPERTY	PAYMENT(S) DUE
Marlon Bravo/ Marlon Serrano	Neopolitan, PV Bl39 L4 TCT#36652	1,018,858.95
Sergio Montinola	Neopolitan, PVIII B215 L5 TCT#37492	2,273,143.06
Alberto dela Cruz	Neopolitan, PIV B246 L6 TCT#27357	2,341,948.69

The above-named-persons are hereby given a grace period of two (2) months from publication of this notice within which to pay the above-mentioned sums to DBH Development Corporation at the 6th Floor, Renaissance Tower D, Meralco Ave., Pasig City. Failure to pay the above amounts shall result in the cancellation of the Contracts to Sell by DBH Development Corporation.

(PDI–June 1, 2003)

PHILIPPINES 2000

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
KALAHI-CIDSS Project
Loan No. 7147 PH

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ KALAHI-CIDSS-03/DSWD-005

Supply and Delivery of Modular Partitioning System and Office Equipment

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in various currencies toward the cost of the **KALAHI-CIDSS Project**. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the **Supply and Delivery of Modular Partitioning System and Office Equipment.**
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the purchase of the following items:

   One (1) Lot - Modular partitioning system and office equipment.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the BAC Secretariat, 2nd Floor, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex. Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines from 0900 to 1700 hours.
4. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of *One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00)*. The method of payment will be in ***cash or in cashier's check***.
5. Bids must be delivered to the address given below on or before ***June 25, 2003, 10:00 a.m.*** All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security** of *one and a half percent (1 ½%)* of the bid price in the form of a bank guarantee by a reputable commercial bank, or *one percent (1%)* irrevocable letter of credit, managers or cashier's checks valid for 90 days, or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representative who choose to attend at the same address at ***June 25, 2003, 10:00 a.m.***
6. A Pre-bid Conference will be held on ***June 11, 2003, 10:00 a.m.*** at the address given below

The Chairman
c/o BAC Secretariat
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Administrative Conference Room, DSWD Building
Batasang Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills,
Quezon City, Philippines
(632) 931-8161
(632) 931-6146

(Sgd.) **Asst. Sec. RHODA F. YAP**
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Commitee

(PDI - June 1, 2003)

CSE presents 2nd Kapihang Entrepinoy

KAPIHANG Entrepinoy, a quarterly business forum organized by the Center for Small Entrepreneurs for small, cottage and micro entrepreneurs will feature "The ABC's of Entrepreneurship" for this quarter. The forum will be in partnership with the Entrepreneur Society of the Philippines (ESP).

"Before, small, cottage and micro entrepreneurs had this insecurity of existence that made them vulnerable to external factors like economic crises and political events, which negatively affect their enterprises and sometimes even cause them to slip back to poverty. But today, Filipinos and even our government are starting to get sensitive on the issue of entrepreneurship. We find this revelation very positive and encouraging," says Rhodora G. Hizon, project manager, Center for Small Entrepreneurs.

"By featuring the ABCs of Entrepreneurship on the 2nd Kapihang Entrepinoy, we would like to increase the appreciation for entrepreneurship culture and to introduce entrepreneurial paradigm to individuals starting or planning to set-up a business, and provide a refresher to those who are in the business already" adds Jimmy Siybauco, president, Entrepreneurs Society of the Philippines.

Asked for reason for ESP's partnership with CSE, Siybauco said, "We have chosen to partner with CSE because of its impact to micro, cottage and small entrepreneurs as manifested in the launch of its 1st Kapihang Entrepinoy in March 2003. It has the integrity and the sincerity as a service center to serve the training, marketing and credit needs of these entrepreneurs."

Members of ESP are composed of service-oriented and seasoned entrepreneurs. The group was established on July 24, 2989. ESP advocates for a conducive business environment for the small entrepreneurs. For membership, call ESP at 726-6740 or 726-5466 or 725-0220. Email: acephil@vasia.com or eGroup: esphil@yahoogroups.com

The 2nd Kapihang Entrepinoy: ABC's of Entrepreneurship is set on June 30, 2003, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senden Hall, Asian Social Institute, 1518 Leon Guinto corner Escoda Streets, Malate. Topics include Entrepreneurship Today, Getting Started: Market Analysis, Marketing Mix Strategy, Financing the Business Venture, P.L.O.C. of the New Business, Family Businesses and Home-Based Businesses. Registration fee is P500. Topic hand-outs and certificates will be provided. Snacks will be served for free. For queries, call the entrepreneurship service hotlines: 525-6268 / 523-97-76 text 0916-3037443, or email cse@pacific.net.ph.

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

HNC 03-05-15

The Department of Education through the Health and Nutrition Center is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following packages:

Package	Description	Approved Budget
1	Supply and Delivery Aneroid and Merecurial Sphygmomanometer and Stethoscopes	P1,350,000.00
2	Supply and Delivery 600 pieces of Tackle Boxes	P1,000,000.00

All interested suppliers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) starting **May 26 - June 6, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at *http:www.deped.gov.ph*.

A pre-bid conference will be held on June 5, 2003, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on June 19, 2003 at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary
Chairman, DepEd-BAC

(PDI--May 25 & June 1, 2003)

Cosmo goes to work 2003

CAREER women trooped to the Manansala Ballroom of the Manila Galleria Suites last Saturday, May 24, 2003 for Cosmo Goes to Work with Women and the City 2003. The whole-day seminar, which was presented by Cosmopolitan Philippines and One Woman Show Inc. and co-presented by Marie France Bodyline International and Facial Care Center, tackled everything a woman needs to know about getting ahead in the workplace.

Cosmo Goes to Work with Women and the City was hosted by Cosmopolitan Philippines editor-in-chief Myrza Sison and featured a stellar line-up of speakers. Seventeen editor-in-chief Maya Calica discussed the importance of having self-esteem while former model and corporate image consultant Olen Lim showed them how to properly market themselves. Managing director for the Custom Publishing Division of Summit Media Stephanie Dychiu gave pointers on how to make money grow, while communication expert Meg Doromal talked about verbal and non-verbal communication. Cosmo readers were thrilled when former model and make-up artist Lala Flores and Presidential Wardrobe Consultant Joanna Zapanta- Andrada taught them the basics of good makeup and corporate dressing. Finally, the ladies were treated to a Pilates demonstration by co-founders of Core Fitness, Paolo Villarroel and Cheska Tiu-Laurel, while Defense Tactics instructor Pichon Garcia showed the women the basics of self-defense.

Cosmo goes to work with Women and the City 2003 was presented by Marie France Bodyline Interantional — uncover your curves and Facial Care Center — where beautiful skin happens. Sponsored by Avon Color. Special thanks to The Black Shop, Manila Galleria Suites, Best Byte Computers and media partner PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK. The men and women behind Cosmo Goes to Work celebrate the seminar's success.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

NETRC 03-05-26

The Department of Education through the National Educational Testing and Research Center (NETRC) is inviting all security printers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Printing, Delivery and Retrieval of the 2003 Diagnostic Test Booklets and Examiner's Handbook. For purposes of record and in compliance with the law, the Department has an approved budget of P7,500,000.00 for the supply, delivery, retrieval and administrative cost.

All interested security printers may avail of the bidding documents upon submission of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) starting **June 2 - 13, 2003** at the BAC Secretariat Office, Rm. 112-A, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Pasig City or visit the DepEd Website at ***http://www.deped.gov.ph.***

A pre-bid conference will be held on **June 9, 2003, 10:00 a.m.** at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. I, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on **June 23, 2003** at the same time and place mentioned above.

DepEd-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive deficiencies embodied therein without assuming any obligation whatsoever to offset expenses or losses the bidder may incur in the preparation of the bids. DepEd-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary
Chairman, DepEd-BAC

(PDI–June 1 & 8, 2003)

BENEDICTO Steel Group Chairman/CEO, Consul General Ceferino L. Benedicto, receives a plaque for its 20th year of membership with prestigious American Wire Rope Fabricators (AWRF) during the association's recent convention held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. on 28 April 2003. Some members of the association showed interest in buying wire rope made in the Philippines.

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GIVES LESSONS TO THE SOUL, TOO

Chicken cage maker raises more than poultry

By Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

STO. TOMAS, Batangas—Anyone in this province who wants to succeed in the poultry business only need to go to one person.

Even Dr. Miguel Ambal, the biggest poultry raiser in San Jose town, agree.

"Go to Jess Medina and you will have nothing more to ask," Ambal says.

In Barangay San Miguel, Dr. Jess Medina, owner of Jemcy Enterprises, gives the answer in two words: Jess' cages.

Right chicken cage

Known in the province as simply Jess' poultry cage, the steel cage is a product of a 12-month design study that eliminated all the possible problems a poultry raiser would encounter in the business.

"In San Jose, I'm known not just for selling chicken cages, but also for helping the poultry farmer in managing his poultry. But that doesn't end there. I even provide guidance through marketing strategy," Jess says.

San Jose town, which is considered as the egg capital of the province, has the biggest number of poultry raisers in Luzon.

"Seventy percent of all poultry raisers in San Jose are my clients," Jess says. "While in the entire province, 60 percent of the poultry raisers use my cages."

Doctor of animals

A doctor of veterinary medicine with years of experience as resident veterinarian in big poultry farms, Jess discovered the factors that determine the success and failure of the poultry business.

"The wrong practices before were in the wrong way of manure handling that brought discomfort and unnecessary heat, and depleted the necessary ventilation for the chicken," Jess says.

In 1987, he designed the cage that would fit in a poultry building and ensure that the manure is always dry.

"That way, it goes well with the environment and the cages are positioned a lot higher from the ground than the traditional cages," he claims.

Jemcy cages have actually reached the biggest poultry raisers all over the country.

Beside his house in San Miguel, there is a 4,000-head-layer poultry. The only smell one can sniff is that of chicken feed.

The absence of flies is also remarkable.

"The big difference is that aside from being a cage manufacturer, I also use the product in my poultry business. That way, it's easier to know where the error lies," Jess adds, "It also helps me solve the problems faster."

From the 20 layer chickens he started in 1987, he now has 30,000 chickens that lay eggs two to three times a day.

"I used to have 500 grow-outs when I started. Now I have 87,000 heads," Jess adds.

Grow-outs are chickens that are ready to lay eggs and are sold to poultry raisers who don't want to trouble themselves with raising the chicken from chick up.

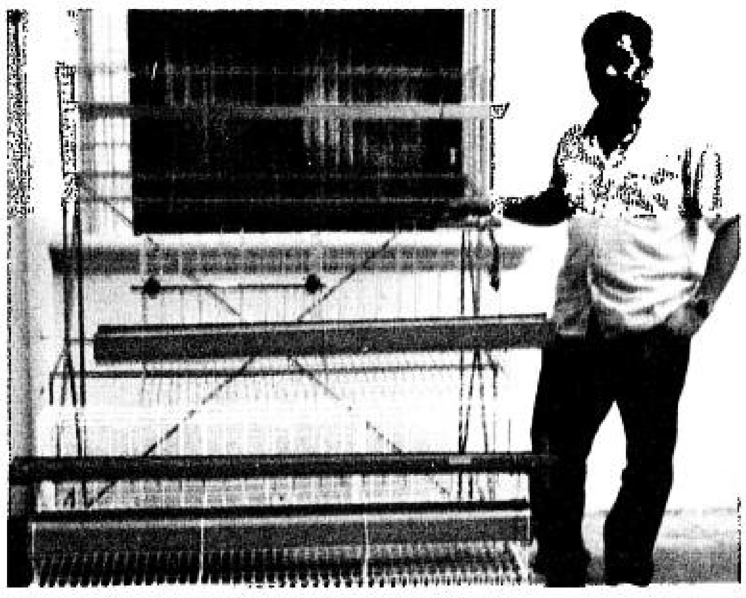
Business acumen

Jess says his good business acumen was not just developed. He says he learned a lot from his mother.

A son of a former army sergeant, Jess is the second eldest son in a brood of five.

His father died when he was in his second year high school.

From their house in Fort Bonifacio, they transferred to the squatter's area in Bago Bantay, Quezon City. There, the family struggled to make both ends meet.



JEMCY cages are must haves for poultry raisers. MEI MAGSINO

His mother sold home-cooked food at a small canteen near their house.

That business and his army scholarship helped him finish college.

After finishing Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the Araneta University, now De La Salle University in Malabon, it was his turn to support his other siblings.

Life was getting better until the recession after the Aquino assassination in 1983.

He lost his job as supervisor at the Mr. G farms in San Luis town, Batangas that same year.

With the P3,500 separation pay he got from the company, he bought animal health products that he sold to poultry raisers in the province.

"To save on lunch that I had for free, I stayed at the Elite Enterprises in San Jose town, where I was their part-time veterinarian. That time, every centavo was worth saving."

Life became more difficult when his wife's former boss tried to get his clients with offers of cheaper animal health supplies.

But he worked to replace one client lost with ten more.

Through rain or shine

Rain or shine, he peddled the medicines in far-flung villages.

"Once in Barangay Galamay Amo, San Jose town, the client's poultry farm was five kilometers from the road. If I hired a tricycle, I would have to pay P100 to get there and another P100 to get back. I chose to walk all the way to my client's farm even if it was raining and the flood was knee-deep," Jess says.

He also peddled T-shirts, shorts and jeans in 1986.

"That time, I would go to my clients with T-shirts, shorts, and pants in my left hand, and animal health products in my right hand. That was how dedicated I was to my work," he adds.

Life was too hard then until he met the town's biggest poultry-raiser who lent him money to start the cage business.

"Dr. Ambal bought poultry supplies from me. In turn, I checked on his farm until he asked how he could help me. That time, they used to buy the flooring of their poultry cages from Bulacan. And I was already seeing some defects in those cages," he adds.

Ambal lent him P20,000, which he used to make 60 poultry cages that sold out fast.

From the earnings of the 60 cages the business grew.

"Now I have saturated the entire country," Jess says.

Environment-friendly

The designs ensure the drying of the manure and provide ventilation to the chickens.

"With proper ventilation, the chicken will not feel any discomfort and will lay more and better eggs, and since the cages are higher from the ground where the manure falls, the chicken are not affected by smell and heat from the manure," he says.

Jess' cages come in black iron, treated iron, powder-coated, plastic-coated, lead-coated, electro-plated, and epoxy-coated.

Jess has not yet patented his cages.

"The poultry cages business started in 1987 but I wasn't able to have it patented. I don't think patenting it can really protect me."

An engineer in San Jose even imitated his design, but his imitated business failed because the engineer does not have the expertise of a veterinarian-businessman like Jess who knows every aspect of the poultry raising business.

Fully automated

"Before, making the poultry cages was very difficult because we had to do it manually. The most difficult part was to straighten the wires and cut them, which took a lot of time and energy.

Later, Jess studied the process and was able to design a machine that increased his production from seven kilos of wire per person in one day to 45 kilos.

A year later, he made a better design that now enables a worker to produce 135 kilos of wire per day, which when turned into cages, could house 2,500 chickens a day.

His manufacturing plant is located in his backyard, including the animal health supply laboratory and the poultry house.

"Before I had only two men working with me, now there are a total of 84 people working at the plant and the poultry farms," Jess says.

In the manufacturing plant and even in the farms, most of Jess' workers are transformed men who used to be near the edge of trouble.

When he employed them in his company, not a day goes by without his sermon and encouragement for them to improve their lives.

"I always tell myself that I was given this good opportunity to be able to help people and transform them into good people," Jess says. "My non-stop sermon to my people everyday is meant to transform them and develop in them the value of hard work and good work. With that, I was rewarded with responsible people who have malasakit (concern) with the business."

"I have this way of telling them in a very diplomatic and easy-to-understand way that this business is not mine alone. God merely uses this business and me to help them and with that they should take care of this business as if it was their own," Jess adds.

In the town, parents of problem youths come to him to transform their troubled sons into responsible men who are able to reach their full potentials.

For Jess and his wife Marcy, the outcome of every project must not only be good for them.

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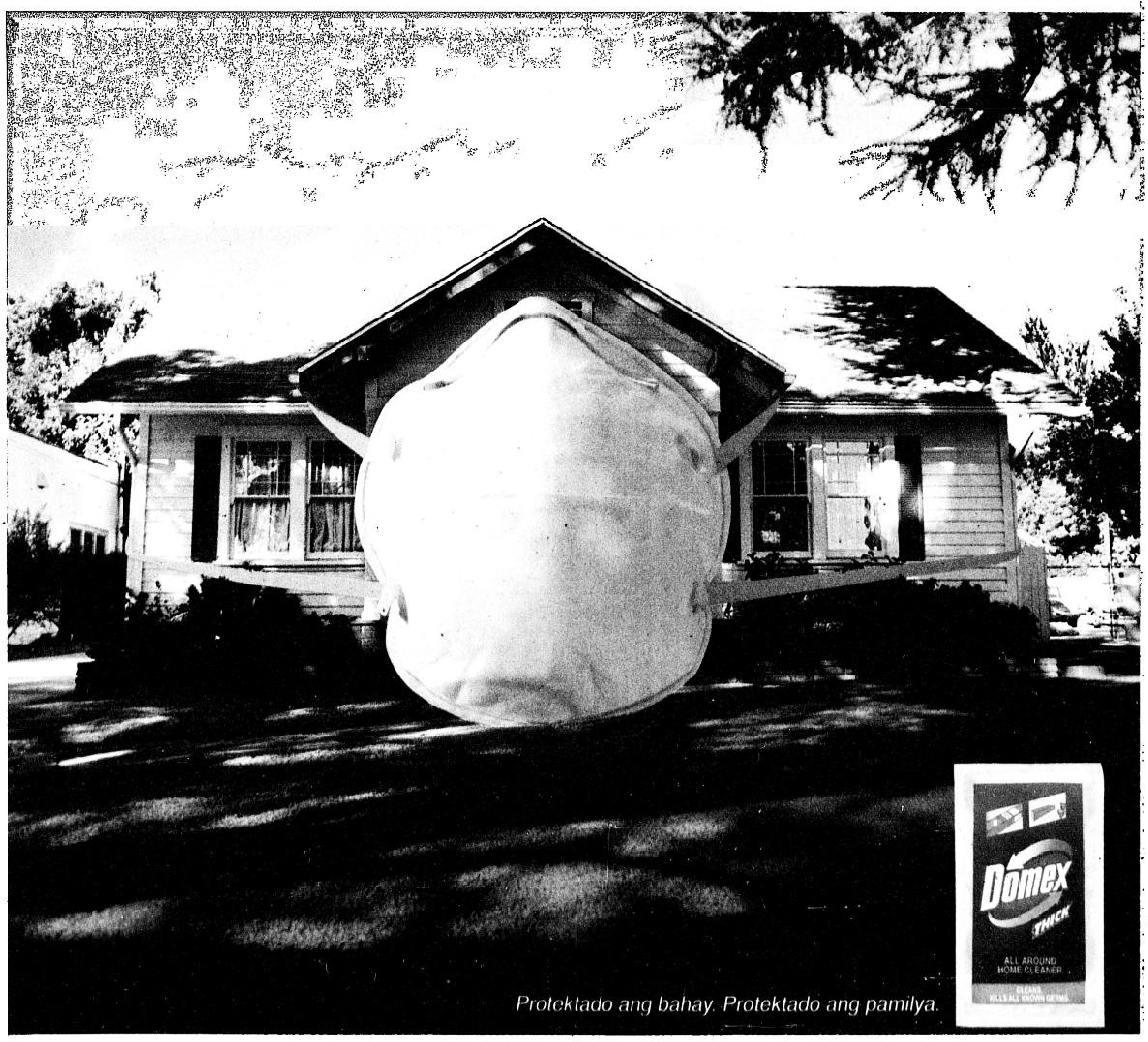

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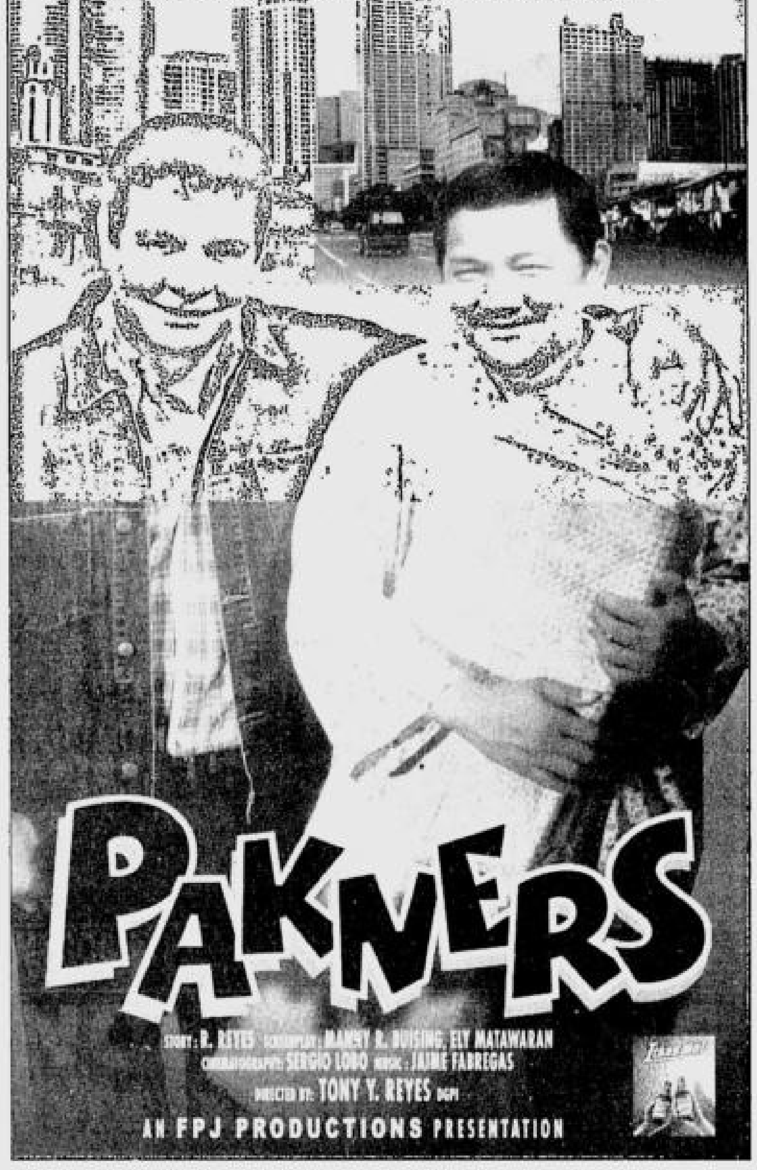

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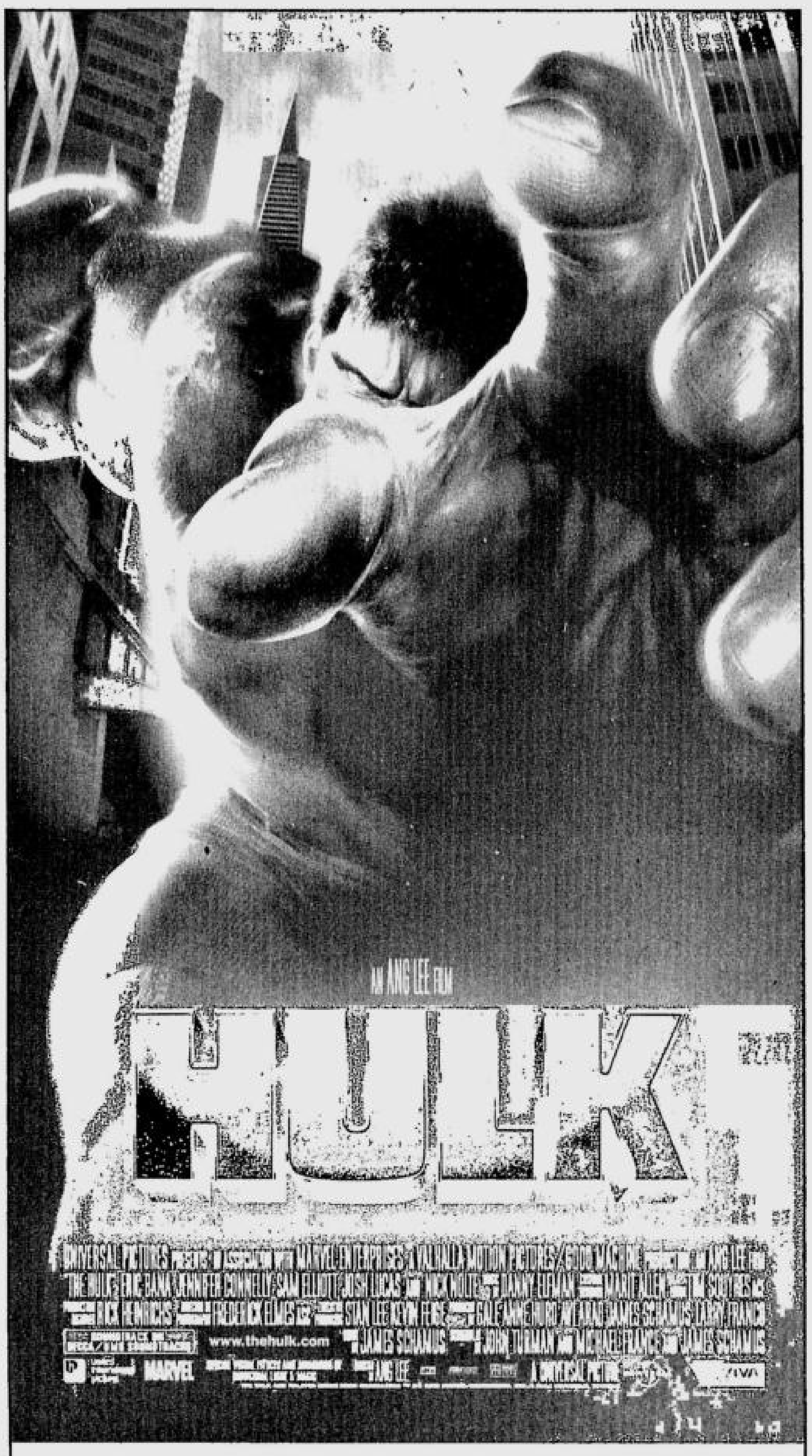
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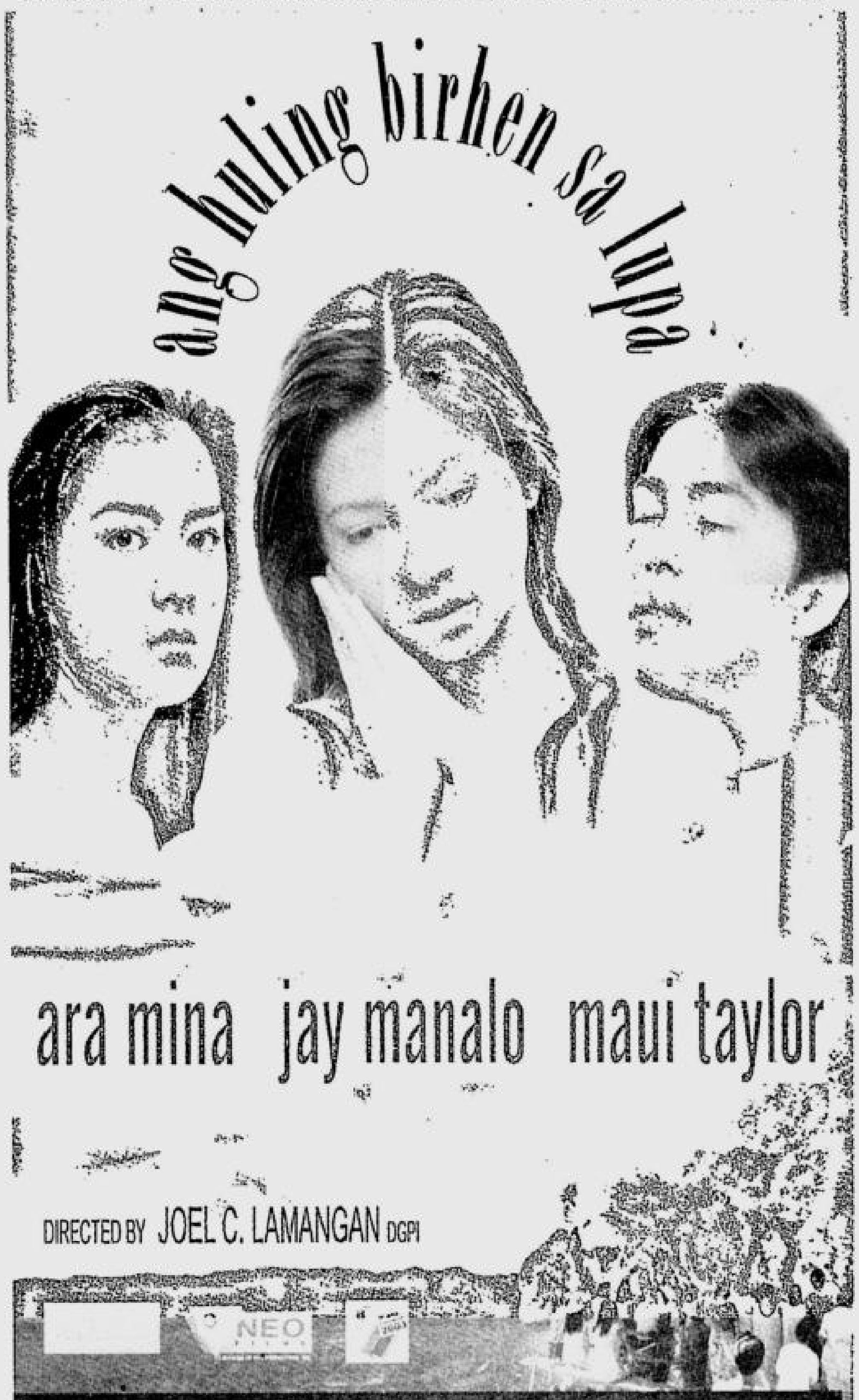
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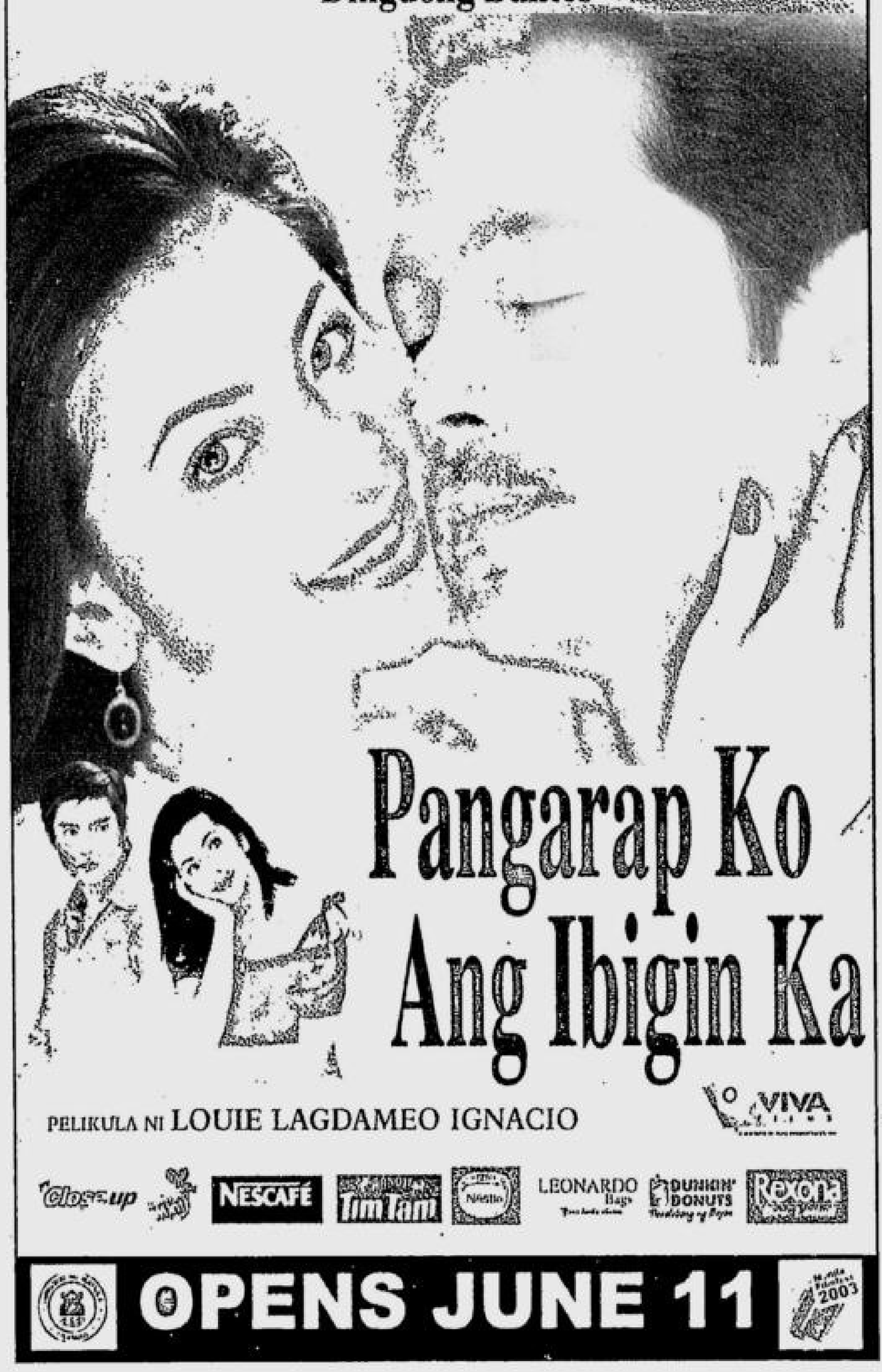
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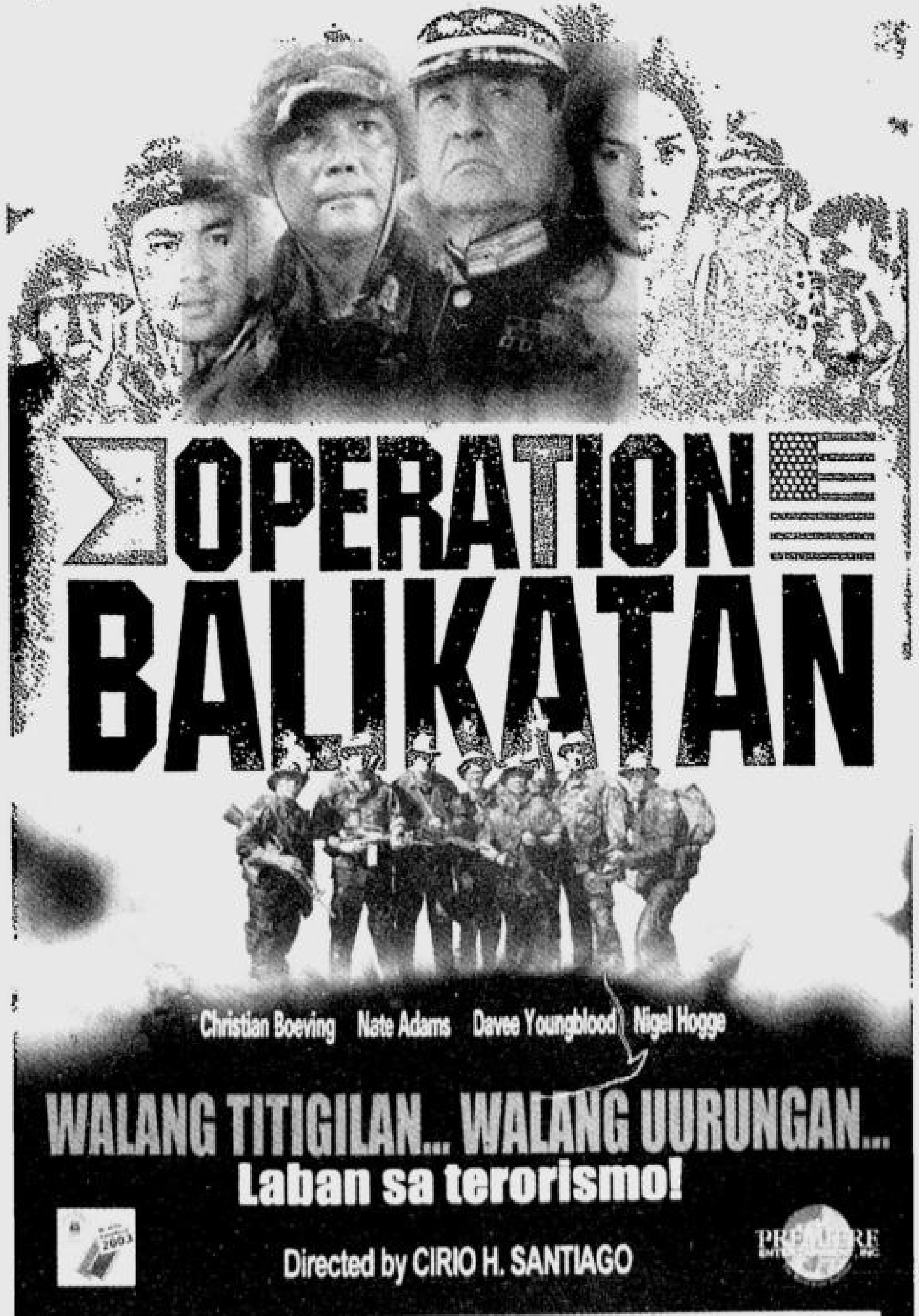
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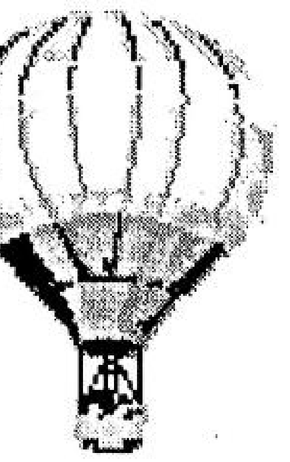

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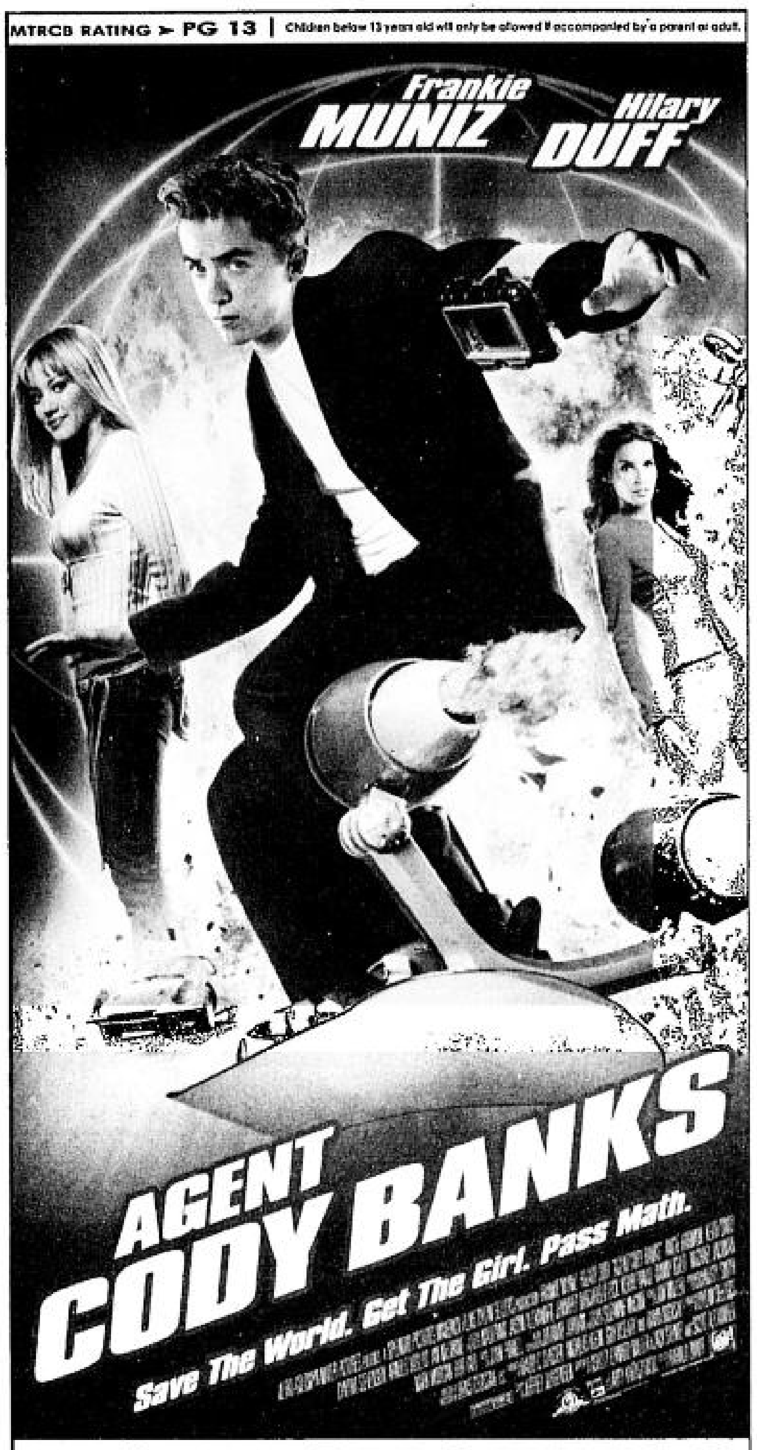
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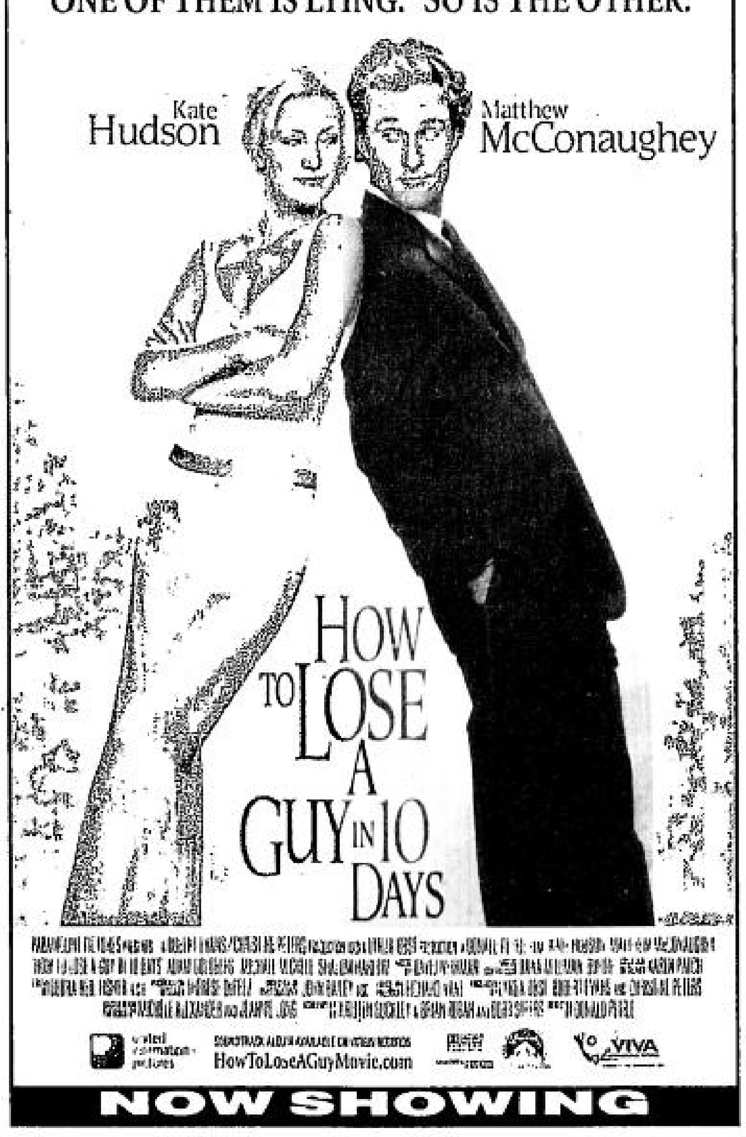
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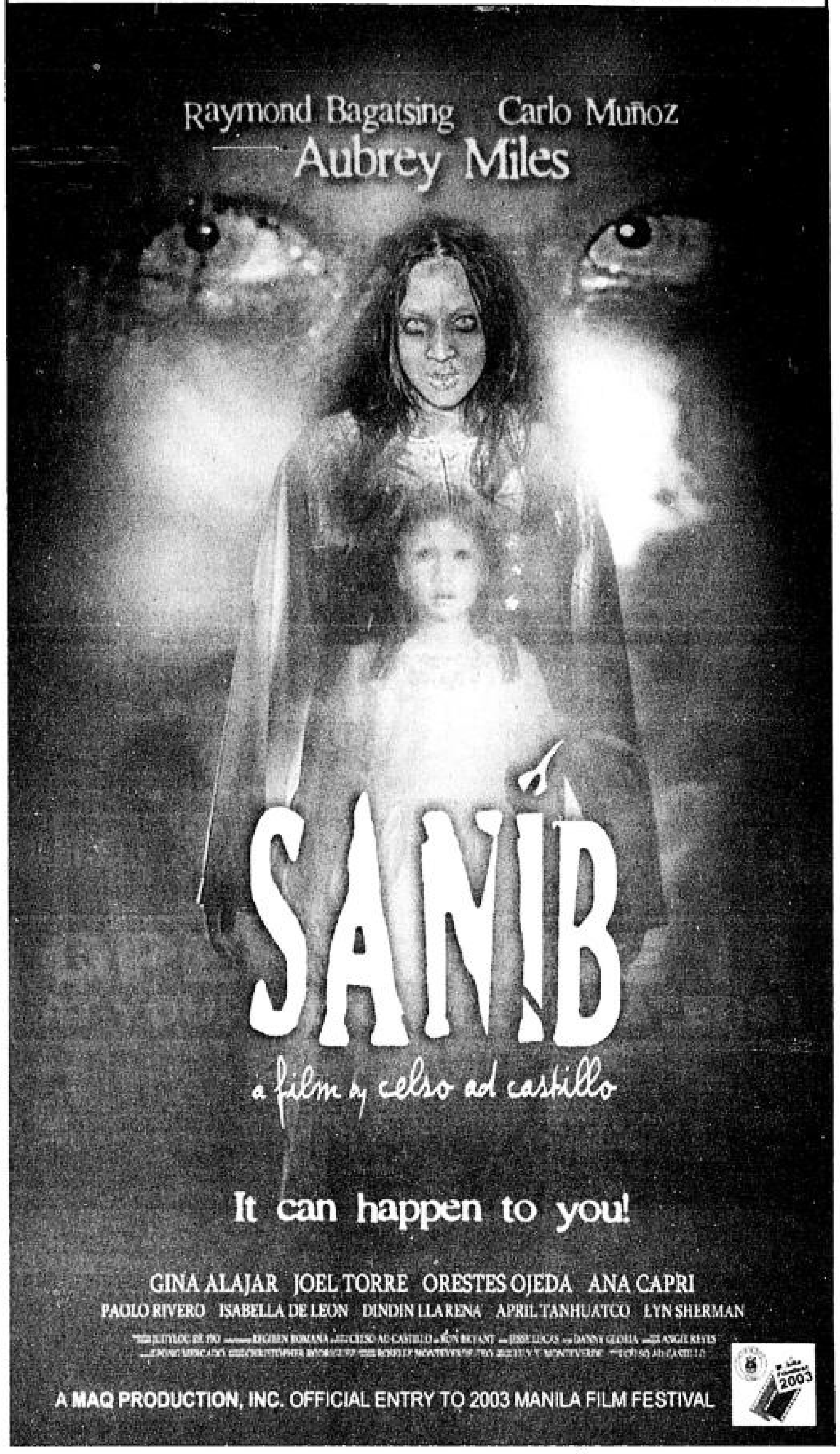
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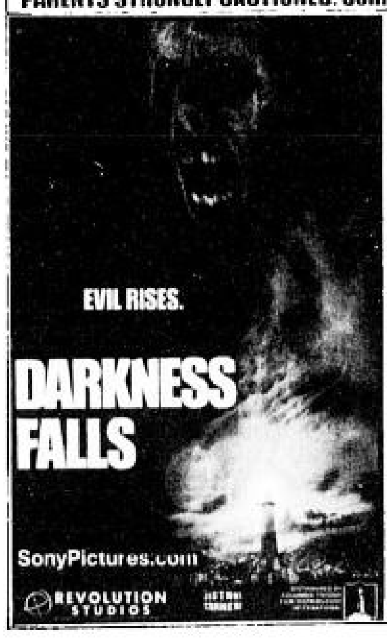
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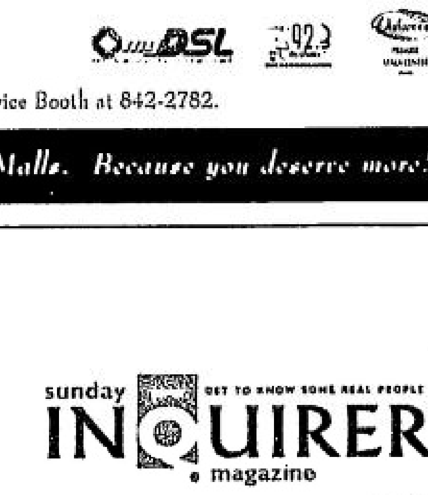

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'Choosing the Right School for a Better Future Part IV'

Recipe for delicious study and work habits

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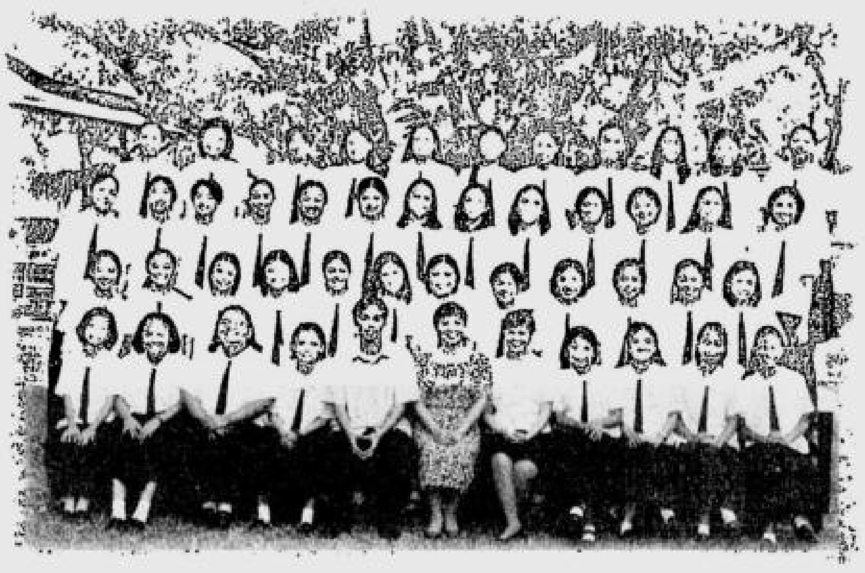

FOR ALL the students out there, I want you to know that I share the exact sentiment you feel. Yes, in less than a week's time, June will be peeking in our calendars again. And we all know that besides the anticipation of wedding bells, comes also the anticipation for another school year that opens. Or is "anticipation" sugar-coating the term: Dread? Whatever the case may be, it helps to cook-up something useful to arm ourselves with before we face another 10 months of note-taking, research paper, quizzes, exams, assignments, and the like. So for you people out there who would like to taste "balance" in their life, the recipe below may help.

You will need:

- A handful of Patience with prayer
- 3 cups Perseverance
- 2 tbsp. of Motivation
- 2kg. Organization with GOALS.
- 1 ½ cup will power
- 3 tbsp. enjoyment, minced.
- 2 cups of fresh ideas
- drops coloring for memory.

Yield:

A Delicious Study and Work Habit, palatable to everyone student or non-student a like, with lifetime rewards and benefits.

Procedure:

Ok, so again you are best friends with your computer, before you even thought that Bruce Almighty will be showing on June 4, The so-enthusiastic professor or boss of yours, hands you your first assignment, work, task, project, mission, (use whatever term best fits you). Hold your horses!!! Do not utter any word synonymous to complain. First things first, pal. Gather up all your patience and pray. Nothing ends up bad when started with something good, it never hurts to pray and ask God for strength, acknowledging that we all can do nothing without the Lord. The virtue of patience will come as a gold coin here; endurance in whatever you do, allows you to execute your duties lightly and with love. Now that you have asked the Lord for guidance and have in you patience, perseverance will come your way, you will begin to realize the Encyclical: Rerum Novarum, the value of work, what it brings to man, and what it brings out in a man. For Saint Paul says: "Those who do not work, should not eat" Now here's my favorite ingredient. 2 tbsp. motivation. Human as we are, we all possess drives. Something that will make us do something. Why not reward yourself with lunch at Aku, or a good rest perhaps? You can actually sleep the whole day without feeling guilty because you know, you deserve it (reminder: not too much). Motivation need not always be a prize you give yourself; it can be something you can think of while you work or study. You guessed it right! Inspiration. Your wife can be your inspiration, your kid, your best friend, or for the young peeps your crushes. And without a doubt, it indeed works for so many people, because thinking happy, can make us work and study happy. The next ingredient is the most vital ingredient for an effective study and work habits. Organization with goals. This one requires time management. I have a paper to pass next week, I promised my friend that we'd go to lunch together, Its my auntie's birthday, I need to check my e-mail, I'd have to buy a new pair of earrings for the soiree for December. There are so many things to accomplish. This reminds me of the story of the jar, the rocks, pebbles and sand. How do you get to fit all 3 inside the jar? Of course! You start with the rocks first. These are your top priorities. Like your requirements in school, or the most important responsibility you have. Then your pebbles, your 2nd top priorities. These are the things that can hold, or be in your "follow-up list." They do not demand a bulk of your time or your effort even. Then the sand. These are the things you can actually do without. Like the earrings for a soiree you'll be attending. There will be little difference whether you accomplish them or not. Knowing your priorities entails setting your goals also. According to the mom of a close friend of mine, goals should be SMART. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timebound. I guess the acronym speaks for itself. And when one has set her goals, she must exercise the will power to achieve them. Its all in the mind. When you begin to think you can do it, then truly, you can do it! And these, you must do not as a workaholic but as a balanced babe. Why else was the word fun coined? Sprinkle some enjoyment. Smile. Do everything enjoying it. (even if you just pretend to be enjoying it) bottom line is, if you have a positive (or pretending to have a positive..) outlook in life, in your studies and in your work, you exude it in your craft. Second to the last ingredients are fresh ideas. For students, visiting www.botbot.com and clicking the search button, just won't cut it. Barely relying on "bookish facts" is not so bad, but it no longer drives one to think or contemplate for themselves. New concepts are discovered, they are not researched. And they come in varieties of sizes and colors. We all need to let our right brain work sometimes, and then surprise! The magic of creativity is revealed in and to us. The last ingredient is more of a tip for all of us. Have you tried coloring your memory? It's like taking notes and using tons of highlighters and color pens. It helps that to remember things when you are excited about them. You can sing a song too. So why can you easily learn by heart Daniel Bedingfield's 'If your not the one' and forget all about the cradles of civilization in world history? Or you can employ the acronym trick. Say you will need to memorize the order in which atomic subshells are filled in a many-electron atom. (huh?) That will be.. S-S-P-S-P-S-D-P-S-.. Or you can choose to remember this: Si Sally Pumasok Sa Pinto, Sa Door Pinto Sa.. which brings me to my next tip. You can not only sing a song but create a story as well. See?

Now, there's one thing left to do, a recipe is something to be done, not only to be read. And you can't get a taste of the delicious study and work habit if you won't start to cook it for yourself. And you'll see, it really is delicious. A toast to the best school year ahead!

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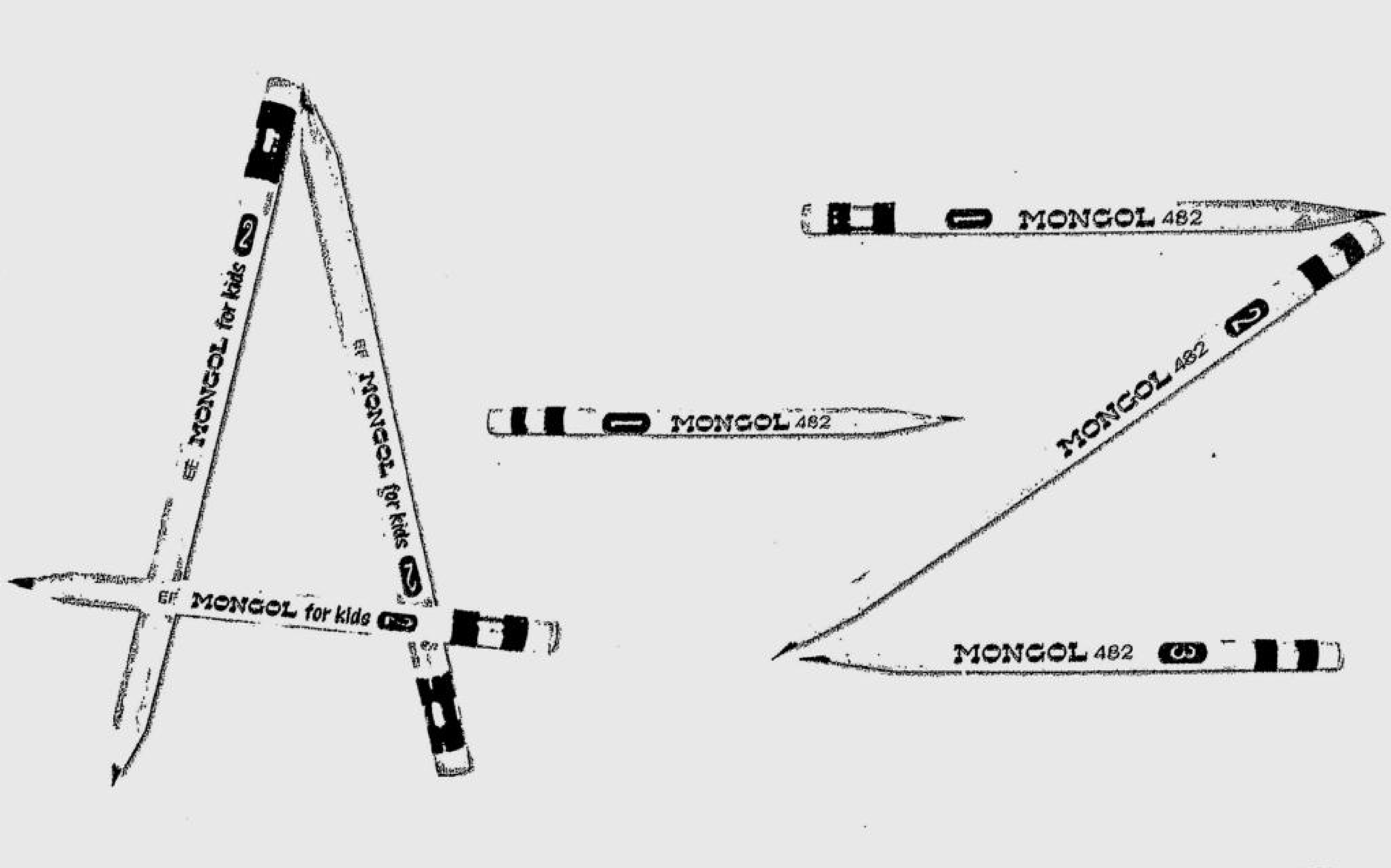

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"IT'S GOING to be one world, one market, one consumer, where boundaries, citizenships, ideologies, economies and businesses will blur. How we live, how we relate with each other, how we buy, how we sell and how we make things will change."

These are words of Felipe B. Alfonso, co-vice chairman of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) board of trustees and chairman of the STI Education Services Group (STI)

Being the seasoned businessman and educator that he is, Alfonso has witnessed the fast pace of change that has overtaken the world, particularly the dramatic transition of human resource requirements.

"The 21st century global citizen or worker will have to keep up with this evolution of current times. He must be a citizen of the world because companies and brands are global. He must therefore be a global consumer," he said.

Does he think this is the path of the Filipino professional? "The stark reality is we have 6-6.5 million overseas Filipino workers in 162 countries all over the world. Not even

Acer or Mercedes has that kind of presence. But the human resource called the Filipino is now in 162 countries and they're turning in more than six billion dollars a year. Now to answer the question, I think that the Filipino is already a "global brand," Alfonso said.

"Unfortunately, the bulk of the 6-6.5 million Filipinos working overseas still work in the lower end of the value chain in human resources. At that level, other countries are beginning to realize they can also supply that. Our challenge, and one that STI takes to heart, is to ramp up our people to produce higher value knowledge workers," he adds.

An animal called "knowledge worker"

For the Philippines to become a major player in the 21st century economy, it has to become a major provider of knowledge workers. According to him, the education sector must work closely with business and government in establishing an enabling environment for the full development of our human capital.

"Schools and training institutions must be able to respond and adapt quickly to the needs of the market, a strategy that has been embraced by STI," he added.

He relates that STI has expanded beyond IT education and is now offering courses in healthcare education and business. What makes STI different is that their courses are "IT enhanced" to meet both global and business process outsourcing (BPO) demands.

"At the same time, we're also expanding the activities of our US placement agencies to start to market not only our own internal BPO shops but other BPO shops, the requirement for which will be supplied by STI. Apart from filling up the current demand for workers, these placement agencies also act as "sensors" for new trends in the job market.

The 21st century Pinoy professional

Using market intelligence from its placement agencies, STI develops a new curriculum and quickly produces and delivers the courseware through its network of schools. This allows each student to receive the same kind of quality education from any STI school in the country.

"But we still have a lot to do. The new breed of professionals must not only be technically competent, multi-skilled and digitally-literate, they must also have global mindset. This means they should be self-driven, confident, creative, responsible.... personal and emotional competencies that cannot be taught by IT courses."

According to Alfonso, one of the mandates for this school year is to dramatically change the way they teach general education in STI schools. And this is to specially focus on precisely instilling these personal and emotional skills.

"We are using the traditional standardized courseware approved by CHED (Commission on Higher Education) but we are enhancing them using more relevant activities. We will teach them in the context of current events. In other words, we will try to bring reality into the classroom, and the classroom into reality. We refuse to allow what is traditionally a Socratic, ivory-towered curriculum to be the platform for these kids who, when they get out, might not have the mindset, the personal and emotional competencies that will make them succeed."

"What we're saying is, the technical functional skills – nursing, vocation, business, IT – are fine. But we cannot partake of the higher value jobs if the Filipino graduates are still shy, still have an inferiority complex, their work ethic is still sloppy, all those things. We feel those issues should be tackled by an education system as well and that's what we're doing.

Quality in teaching

As far as its teaching staff is concerned, Alfonso says STI has something to offer in that arena, too. "The classic model of education is Confucian and Socratic where interaction is between guru and student. We still work on a paradigm of one teacher to 50 students in a classroom. If that is still the education delivery model, every year that will be the problem: teachers and classrooms."

In an attempt to huddle this challenge, STI will make use of technology to reduce the number of face-to-face interaction in basic course delivery to allow professors to concentrate on teaching values such as provocation, critical thinking, problem solving, the nature of which necessitates the physical presence of a facilitator.

"To accomplish this, we have tied up with E-pass Technologies where we'll try to converge as much content as we can to customize the delivery of the knowledge transfer part of education. What we will do is cover the content, convert analog content into digital content, store this in very low cost storage cards like plastic cards, and let students interact with this content through low cost single function devices like a reader, or what we call a poor man's PDA."

If STI is able to pull it off, Alfonso said, large enough chunks will be less teacher-dependent, therefore it can now cull from the current supply of teachers only the best ones and let them handle the values education.

Global competency

Solidify the country's niche in the worldwide human resource market is indeed what STI intends to do. Alfonso anticipates that, by forces of free market, connectivity and cost of PC boxes will drop. "When the time comes, our students will be ready."

"As you can see, we really are not just an education institution anymore. We feel an efficient national education system is the quickest, most efficient and effective way to respond to this human resources requirement. And STI is preparing to ensure that we go all the way."

CCP's "Go for Gold"

CENTRAL Colleges of the Philippines celebrated its 49th Foundation Day with a blast of kick-off events last Feb. 13 to 15. This was in preparation for its spectacular Golden Anniversary in 2004. The successful two-day Open House on Feb. 13 and 14 paved the way for students, parents and visitors to enjoy the festivities at the HR campus.

The Centralian quest for the Bedan Grail was a success with silver medals being won by the school's representatives in the interpretative reading competition and poetry writing category.

In the 8th CUSA Season, CCP bagged gold medals in volleyball and table tennis in and silver medals in basketball, soccer, badminton and swimming, making it to the 5th feat as over-all champion. Truly GCP's "Go for Gold" promises a more exciting and glorious Golden Anniversary celebration in 2004.

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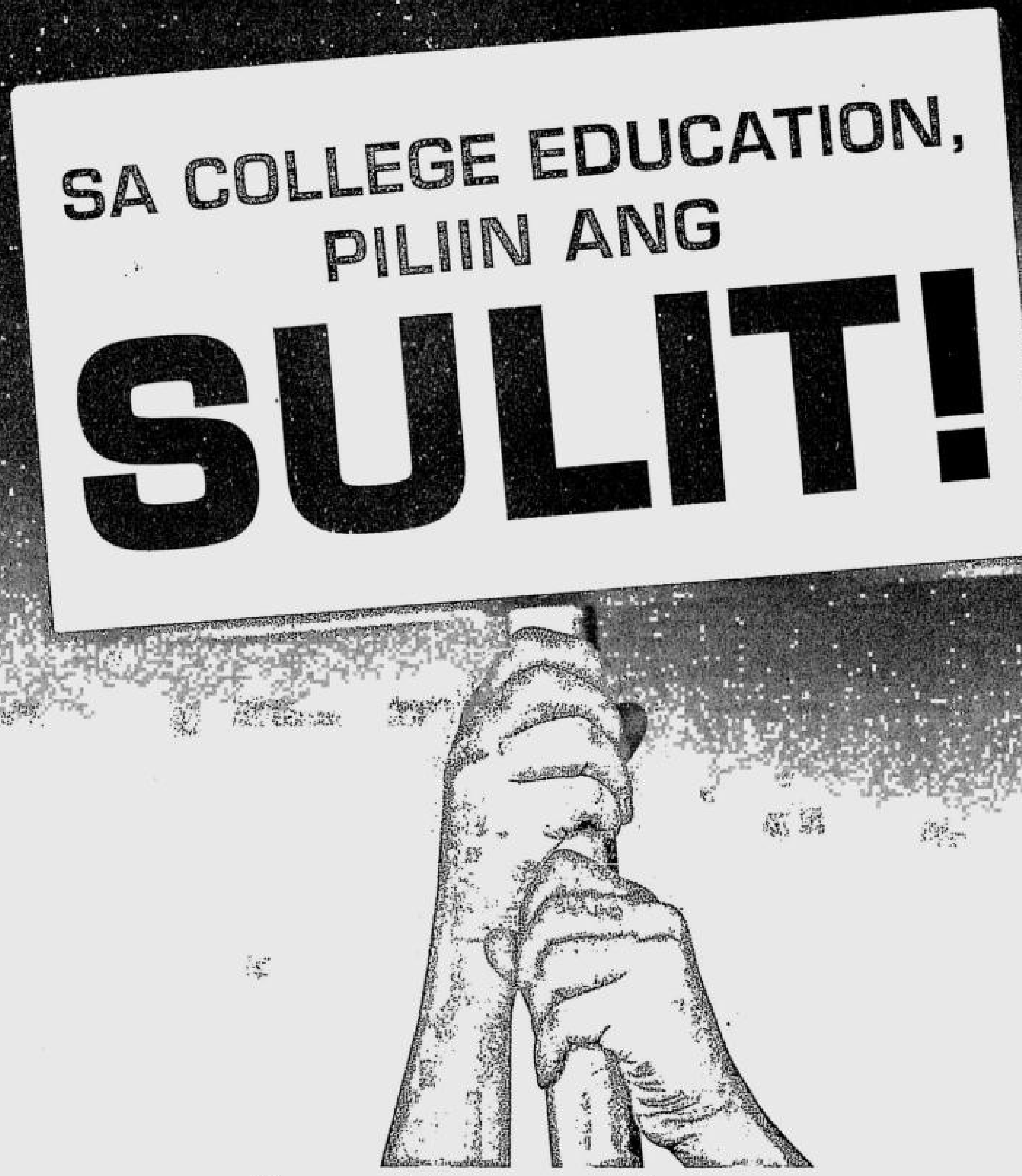

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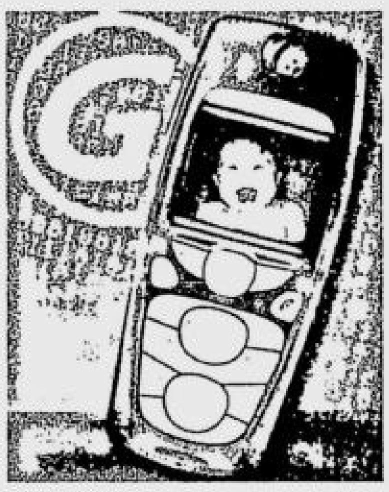

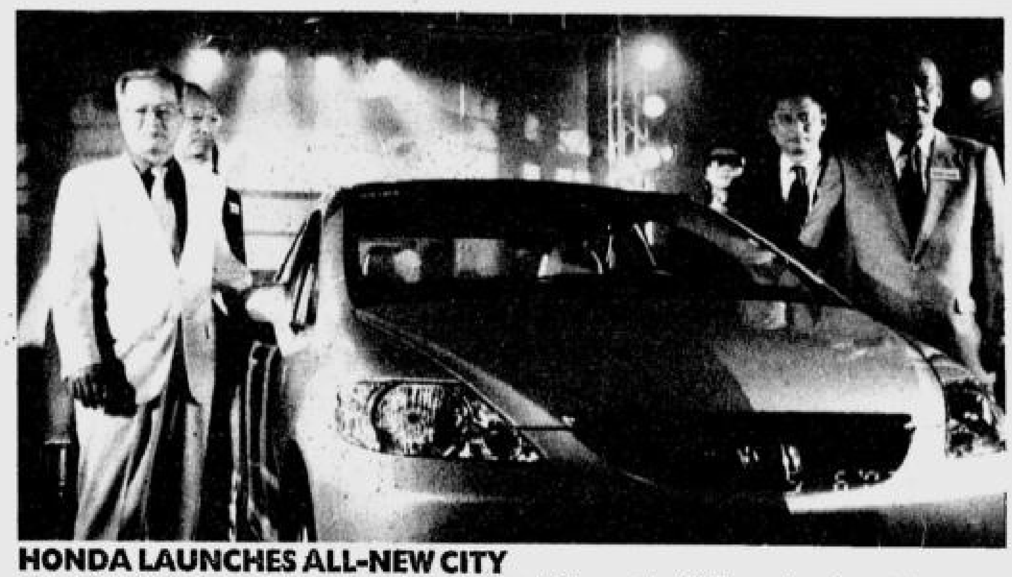

HONDA LAUNCHES ALL-NEW CITY
Honda Cars Philippines Inc. recently introduced the ultra-stylish all-new City in an advanced presentation to the Philippine media at a luncheon at the Rigodon of the Manila Peninsula Hotel. Evincing a fresh dynamic style, advanced technology and breakthrough versatility and performance, the all-new city is expected to set a new benchmark in its class. Cocktails followed in the evening for key accounts and VIPs. The all-new City showcases some of Honda's most advanced automotive technology. Heading the list is the i-DSI (Intelligent Dual and Sequential Ignition) 1.3 SOHC engine mated with Honda's innovative Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT), Honda Steermatic with 7-speed mode and the versatile and functional U.L.T (Utility, Long and Tall seat modes) seats, which provide maximum space efficiency. In photo are: chief operating officer of the Asia and Oceania Region and managing director of Honda Motor Co. Ltd. and president and chief executive officer of Asia Honda Motor Co. Ltd. Satoshi Toshida (right), Honda Cars Philippines' president and general manager Mitsunari Takano (2nd from right) and deputy head for marketing division Arnel Doria (left). Also gracing the event, from Honda R&D in Japan, is Takashi Saito (2nd from left), the all-new City's large project leader.

MEDIA TOUR OF NESTLE CDO FACTORY
The Nestle Cagayan de Oro factory recently hosted some 70 media visitors from TV, print and radio, including representatives of the Philippine Information Agency. They observed manufacturing processes as well as various expansion and line improvement projects at the factory. In photo, factory manager Rudy Trillanes welcomes the guests before their tour of the plant.

MARICEL ENDORSES SAUCY MI
Maricel Soriano has signed up with RFM President Enterprises Corp. (RPEC) to endorse Saucy Mi! Ang Masarsang Pancit Canton. Present in the signing are RPEC president Frankly Lee (seated), marketing director Cathee Roxas-Arcero (standing, left) and Soriano's talent manager Wyngard Tracy (standing, right).

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Zoids Museum at SM Megamall

THE COUNTRY'S first Zoids Museum is now open at Toy Kingdom. Located at the ground level of Bldg. A., SM Megamall. The family will enjoy a roster of special treats and activities lined up for this event:

Test your memory ability and familiarity skill as you name as many Zoids as you can. With every P300 worth of purchase of any Zoids item/s, a customer is entitled to join the contest by simply filling up an entry form identifying as many Zoids model they can in the Zoids diorama located at the Zoids exhibit area at Toy Kingdom, SM Megamall.

Three lucky winners with at least 25 correct names of Zoids models in his/her entry will win the Zoids transparent Death Saurer. Five transparent Red Horn Zoids will be given out for the entries with at least 20 correct names/models. Finally 10 lucky winners with at least 15 correct names/models will get the transparent Molga zoids.

Raffle draw will be on June 29, at the Zoids Evolution Contest 2 judging and awarding ceremonies, to be held at Toy Kingdom, SM Megamall. Entries will be accepted from June 1 to 3 only. The first 90 entries will be part of the exhibit in the Zoids museum from June 1 to 29.

Interested participants may register at the customer service of Toy Kingdom, SM Megamall. For more details, call tel. nos. 373-9600 or email at marketing_bankee.com.ph.

GAWAD QUEDANCOR FOR PLANTERSBANK
Planters Development Bank was recently awarded the Gawad Quedancor as the top lending bank for 2002 in recognition of its exemplary performance in implementing various programs of the Quedan and Rural Credit Guarantee Corporation (Quedancor). Receiving the award from Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo Jr. (right) and Quedancor president Nelson Buenaflor (left) is Plantersbank first vice president Ana Rose Kwan. Plantersbank, the country's largest private development bank, is recognized as the leading institution for small and medium entrepreneurs.

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ADIDAS BRAND STORE OPENS IN ZAMBOANGA
The first Adidas brand store in Zamboanga City recently opened at the second level of Mindpro Citi Mall in La Purisima Street Zamboanga City. In photo, during the contract signing for the franchise agreement are (from left) Angelica Sulza, Adidas marketing director; John Alonte, Adidas Managing director; Pocholo Soliven, Adidas brand store Mindpro franchise owner and Bing Paradas, Adidas general manager for sales. Adidas continues to expand and create new opportunities to reach an expanded base of consumers, but will always be dedicated to creating and producing the best sports products. In that, Adidas will always be forever sport.

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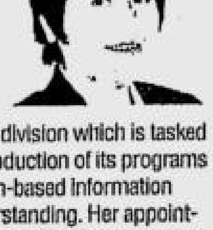
ABS-CBN appoints new vice president for research



ABS-CBN management announced the appointment of Vivian Tin as vice president of research and business analysis for the broadcast network. Vivian will be responsible for managing ABS-CBN's research and business analysis division which is tasked to assist the network in its production of its programs and services through research-based information gathering and audience understanding. Her appointment is expected to further strengthen the company's leadership in the local broadcasting industry.

Splash new research facility

SPLASH Corp. is pumping in an additional P50M in a state-of-the-art research facility - Splash Research Institute. The building is situated in Canumay, Valenzuela and stands on a total of 2,040 sq. meter area. The 3-storey structure houses an advanced cosmetic laboratory, skin and hair testing clinic, a new pilot plant, its own stability room and other departmental offices contributory to innovative and technologically-driven product development - research and development, market research, product regulations, new product department and packaging design and development. June 5 marks the inauguration of the Splash Research Institute building. Former president Corazon C. Aquino and Mayor Jose Emmanuel 'Bobbit' Carlos shall grace the occasion with their presence, as guests of honor.

PR Congress early bird registration extended

THE PUBLIC Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP) announces the extension from May 31 to June 16, of the deadline for the early bird registration to the 11th National PR Congress scheduled on Sept. 24 to 26 at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Madaluyong City. The 11th National Public Relations Congress chair, Jones T. Campos, APR, said the extension was considered in order to accommodate more PRSP members and industry colleagues. Early bird registrants get as much as 25 percent discount. For more details call the PR Congress secretariat at tel. nos. 636-3242 and 636-3243.

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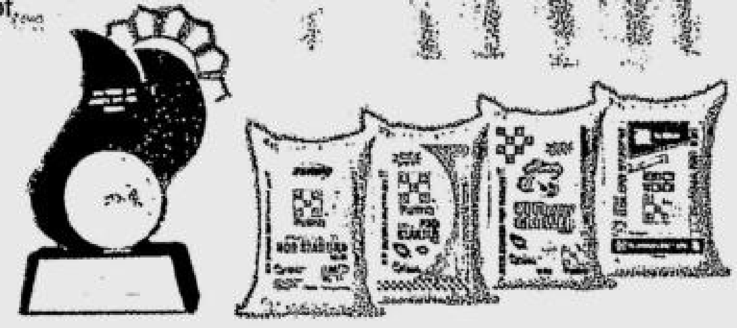

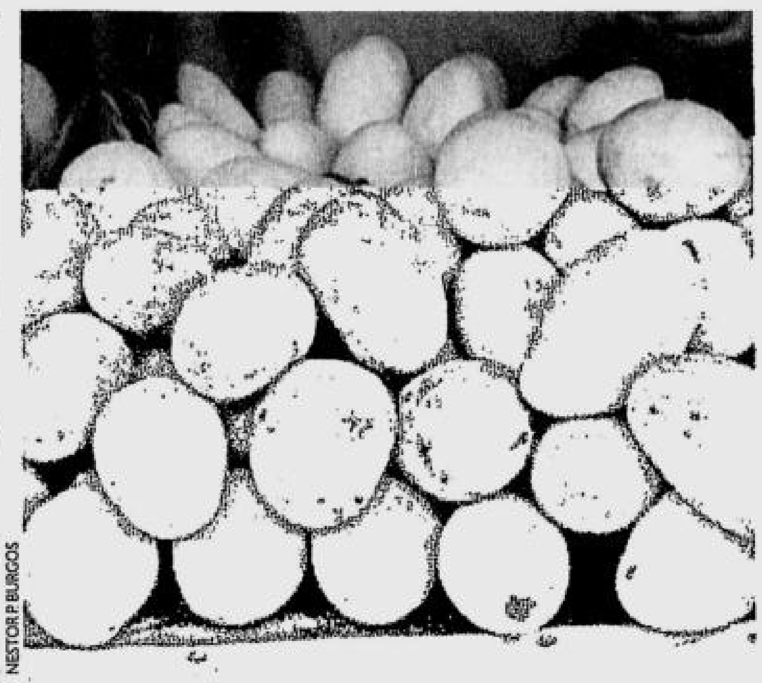

NESTOR P. BURGOS

Riding high on the mango

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
PDI Visayas Bureau

JORDAN, Guimaras—Riding high on its successful entry to the Australian and US markets last year, the famous Guimaras mangoes once again took center stage in this year's *Manggahan* festival.

The festival, from May 16-22, attracted a good number of tourists and mango-lovers who took a 15-minute ferryboat ride from Iloilo City.

On its 10th year, the festival showcased not only the famous mangoes but also the province's tourist destinations and cultural heritage.

The festival was first held on May 22, 1993, a year after the island became a regular province after being a sub-province of Iloilo for 27 years.

"It was more of a promotional campaign for our mangoes," says Angeles Gabinete, provincial tourism officer.

This year, the festival has become the culmination of the festivals of the five municipalities of the province: Balsahan of Sibunag, Sana-aw of Jordan, Asinan of San Lorenzo, Kinaradto of Buenavista and Karusahan of Nueva Valencia.

Shai Gestosani, president of the Guimaras Resort Association, says more visitors came to the festival this year with most resorts fully booked. She says resort owners planned to add rooms and improve accommodations to accommodate the increasing number of visitors.

Among the highlights of the festival was the agro-industrial fair where mangoes from the various orchards were sold at P15-30 per kilo depending on the quality. Visitors were also treated to processed mango products like mango puree, dried mangoes and pickled mangoes.

For the "real" mango-lovers, there were the mango-float-making contest and the "eat-all-you-can" event where visitors can eat all the fresh mangoes they can for P25.

To promote other agricultural products and to help the farmers, the "Panindahan sa Guimaras" was held last May 18.

For P20, visitors can avail themselves of free two-way ferryboat and jeepney rides to the Jordan Market where they can buy fresh fish, vegetables, fruits and handicrafts.

"We want to show that Guimaras is not just mangoes," said Gabinete.

But mangoes are still the province's top product. Mango production rose sharply to 11.259 million kilograms last year, from 4.45 million kilograms in 2000 and 2.06 million kilograms in 2001.

From April 8 to June 29 last year, total exports to the US and Australia reached 271,868 kg with 239,338 entering the US market and 32,530 in Australia.

Guimaras Gov. JC Rahman Nava said there was a slight decrease in total production of mangoes this year but the volume of export-quality mangoes increased.

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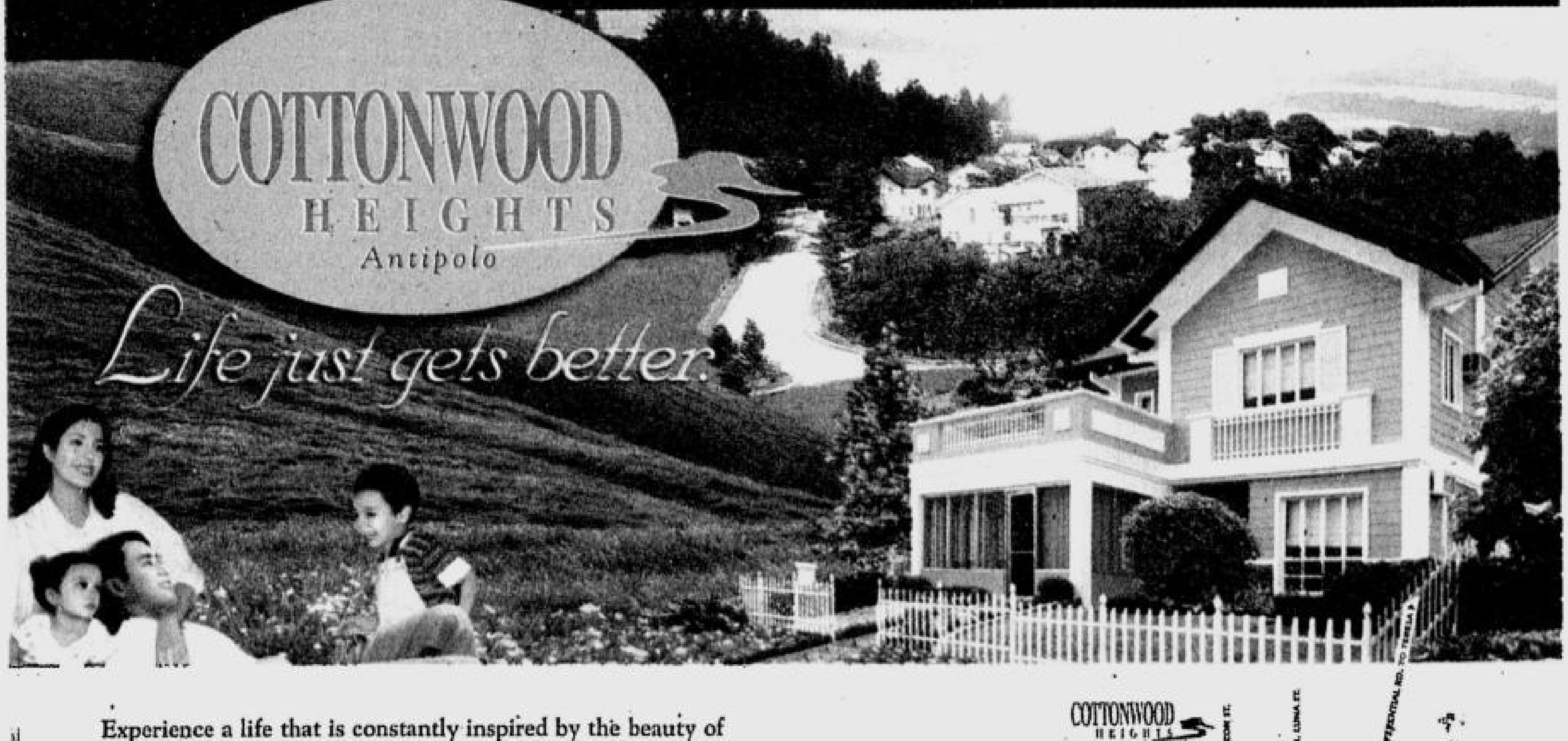

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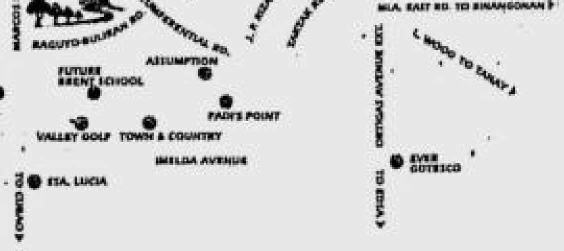

Chicken cage-maker raises . . .

From page B11

"We make sure that our clients will earn more. That's why, when we deliver the cages, I also see to it that our clients, especially the new ones in the poultry business, will be guided with the right methods."

When he visits one of his poultry farms in San Jose, the workers make sure that he and his car are completely sanitized.

"That's to protect the chickens from any outside germs that anybody who enters could be carrying. That's how dedicated they've become," Jess adds. "In any business, to be successful, there should be dedicated people to run and maintain it.

Jess says, "As a veterinarian, I provide that lifetime guidance to our clients for free, that's why we have developed relationships with our clients."

His family members also help Marcy, who is in-charge of the production department for the cages.

"I handle the quality control, marketing, and delivery, while my wife handles the production department," Jess says.

"At this early I try to involve my three sons in the business. Gradually, I immerse them in the real world of this business and in our development projects to help the out of school youths," he says.

How much has the company earned since 1987, Jess has no idea.

"Our biggest achievement is not measured in monetary value, but in the value of relationships we have developed with our clients all over the country through the years. Our clients are not just friends, they have be come so close, like family members to us," he stresses.

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MULTIMILLION-PESO SOAP. "Ang Iibigin Ay Ikaw" (AIAI), starring (from left) Richard Gomez, Lani Mercado, Alice Dixson and Christopher de Leon, is GMA's most popular telenovela.

GMA: We earned a 'record' ₱650 M in May

By Leah Salterio

GMA 7, too, set a record when it grossed P650 million in revenues for May, according to its marketing president Meckoy Quioge.

"That is a 91 percent increase from our May 2002 earnings of P341 million," Quiogue told INQUIRER Entertainment. "That's almost double what we earned in May last year."

The GMA 7 executive revealed this following the ABS-CBN report in its annual stockholders' meeting last Thursday that it set a record when it made P1 billion in airtime sales for May alone.

"ABS-CBN's P1 billion is quite big," Quioge admitted, "but that's only 27 percent of what they made in May 2002. If you relate it to the growth from the previous year, ours is more dramatic."

He said that GMA 7 has already surpassed the P500-million monthly revenue mark thrice this year.

"We have set another record in sales," Quiogue said. "From January to May, our growth was already 79 percent compared to last year's."

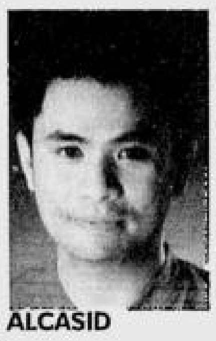
GMA/ C6

MILES

Aubrey's new role miles away from sexy image /C4

DID YOU KNOW...

Mrs. Herminia L. Alcasid, mother of singer-actor **Ogie Alcasid**, sent the following statement in reaction to the "Did You Know..." item on May 26, about Ogie, his wife **Michelle** and their two little daughters being "banned" from Morita's Restaurant in Mandaluyong City. The item had said the "ban" was imposed because "when the Alcasids first dined at Morita's, Ogie's six-year-old daughter **Leila** was report-



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Disappointed over Regine's 'revelations' /C2

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More plugs on TV

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

LAST Sunday, we tuned into "Partners: Mel and Jay" because the show was focusing on singer-actress **Regine Velasquez** and promised to reveal unknown aspects of her life and persona, and to provide new insights into her character and work ethic.

For the first few portions, the program did try to do that, trotting out Regine's childhood friends and co-workers during the early part of her singing career. However, their "insights" weren't all that revealing and we ended up feeling disappointed.

We felt even worse when the real reason for the one-hour feature, manifested itself: A subsequent portion guested Regine's co-star (**Dingdong Dantes**) and director (**Louie Ignacio**) in her new film, "Pangarap Kong Ibigin Ka."

So, that was it: The "special" telecast was just a long plug for Regine's next movie, which also co-stars **Christopher de Leon**. So much for those "revealing" insights...

Yes, Regine is an outstanding talent. Yes, it's admirable how much she loves her family and friends. But viewers deserve genuine entertainment, not plugs of new TV or movie productions, which really benefit only their stars, producers and networks.

It's time for viewers to complain about being subjected to so many self-serving plugs instead of program fare with no strings attached.

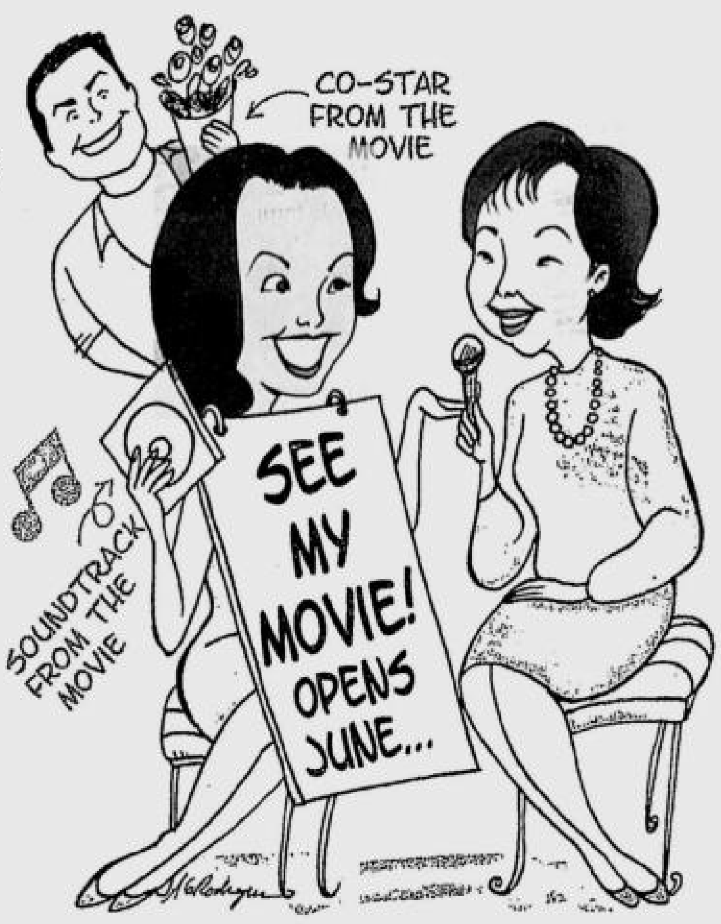
And it's time to point out that there's an official limit to the number of minutes of commercials that can be run on a TV show. This is stipulated to make sure that viewers get real entertainment and not simply a series of advertisements.

At the moment, plugs aren't included in this maximum time for commercials. But, since they are really as self-serving as commercials, they should be seen in a new, more realistic light and limits should also be imposed on them.

There are so many productions now being plugged on TV that viewers have a hard time getting real entertainment. This is a reprehensible infringement on a basic right of viewers, and should no longer be countenanced.

In a just and equitable world, groups like the MTRCB and the KBP should be expected to uphold this right, but this isn't being done in this instance. As for the leading TV networks and their sister movie companies, they're just trying to get away with as much as they can.

So, its up to viewers to put their foot down in this regard. Trouble is, many Filipino televiewers are clueless about their rights, and our TV network's responsibilities to them. As for viewers who know their rights, most of them don't have the interest or will to protest.



Unless this situation changes, TV channels will continue to do their worst as far as those endless, self-serving plugs are concerned. Do you care enough to refuse to be treated so shabbily? For the sake of all Filipino televiewers, we certainly hope so.

Now, if you don't really give a darn one way or the other, we can always watch those plugless cable channels instead. But that would be like letting our "free" TV channels go from bad to worst!

Art Sale

A BENEFIT art exhibit is currently being held (until June 14) at the Donada Art Gallery, RL Bldg., Donada corner P. Ocampo (formerly Vito Cruz), Malate, Manila. The exhibit seeks to raise funds for Dulaang Talyer's participation in the Festival D'Avignon-Off theaterfest. The theater group will be performing its multimedia production, "Bilogo." Call 400-0731.

Docu grant

From **Daniele Lacourse**, president, Alter-Cine Foundation: "Every year the Alter-Cine Foundation gives a US$10, 000 grant to a young filmmaker from Africa, Asia or Latin America for the production of a documentary of the filmmaker's choice. In the past years, young Latin American filmmakers received the grant. This year, our priority goes to Africa and Asia.

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"For more information, you can look at our web site: www.sextans.com/altercine. Thank you for your collaboration."

Search for Ms Makati

AT 8 tonight, Destiny Cable's ICS channel 48 screens the 2003 Search for Ms Makati recently held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. The "beauty and brains" pageant is for the benefit of the Makati Historical and Restoration Foundation.

'Affair of the Necklace'

At 9 p.m. tonight on Star Movies, the film on view is "The Affairs of the Necklace," starring **Hilary Swank**, **Simon Baker**, **Jonathan Pryce** and **Adrien Brody**. Swank's character, a noblewoman, becomes embroiled in an elaborate scheme involving the queen, a cardinal and the theft of a priceless diamond necklace.

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New performers, new crowd at new Tavern on the Square

SHOW TIME

TAVERN on the Square is the entertainment haven in Makati, where some of the biggest names in the entertainment scene today started way back in 1982.

Gary Valenciano and Zsa Zsa Padilla launched their solo careers there. Foreign acts like David Benoit and Wanda Walden, were held at Tavern. Randy Santiago's Cicada, The Opera and Zee Band trace their beginnings there.

Every performer wanted a stint at the Tavern then.

Fastforward to 2003. The names are different, but the ambiance is still there.

Sounds expert Rene Cruz of EFX lights, Girlie Rodis of Talentworks and talent manager Wyngard Tracy of Artistation have joined original partners Sandra Chavez and Chit Juan.

The new Tavern has moved out from the low-ceilinged basement of a Makati building to a spanking, new second floor address overlooking the Makati skyline at Greenbelt 3.

The mall surrounding the place gives Tavern a ready, walk-in crowd, especial on jam-packed weekends and paydays, and even during surprisingly sold-out Monday nights.

Aside from the yuppies in corporate suits, Tavern is also for the dressed-down set, those who come in maong and T-shirt, but no slippers and sandos. Teenagers also come for acts like Freestyle and Barbie's Cradle.

The range of performers illustrate the width and breadth of the new Tavern crowd.

Revivals and R&B are for the seniors who go for a quiet nightcap. On the other is pop alternative and acoustic for their hippier counterparts.

On special nights, one can catch Rex Navarette making people laugh. Kevyn Lettau opened the new Tavern last September.

Tavern ON THE SQUARE

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Ayen Munji used her successful Tavern show as a gauge to move to another venue, the Captain's Bar.

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The sophisticated Makati crowd can take it. They will lap up Kelly Badon's guitar rifts and Ernie Severino's enervating drum roll. They will sing along with Joey Generoso, whether the melody is new to their ears or not.

Tavern on the Square is open Monday to Saturday, 6 p.m. onwards for regular entertainment. For details, visit tavernonthesquare@yahoo.com or call 757-4484 or 757-4485.

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Michael Jackson, lawyer in bitter court battle

JACKSON

LOS ANGELES—The curtain will rise again next month in the long-running drama of Michael Jackson, this time playing out as a bitter court fight between the reclusive entertainer and a top advisor that could offer a rare glimpse into his personal life and finances.

Among the allegations that could spill into a Los Angeles courtroom are that the one-time King of Pop is broke, having squandered his fortune in "bizarre" ways while egged on by a string of "charlatans," "hangers-on," "hucksters," "impostors," "con artists," "sycophants" and "swindlers."

SHOW STOPPERS

The claims are set out in a lawsuit by Jackson's former financial advisor, Myung-Ho Lee, and his firm Union Finance and Investment Corp., who seek $12 million for alleged breach of contract and fraud.

Jackson has counter-sued, claiming that his trusted advisor–whom he called "Lawyer Lee"–and Union Finance stole millions from him and destroyed records to cover up their misdeeds.

Trial is set for June 18 and comes as Jackson–who pulled out of a deposition in an Indiana court case after suffering what a family lawyer described as a "reaction to lawsuits"–has been dogged by controversy.

Last November, he stunned fans in Berlin and by dangling his barefoot baby from a hotel window.

Then in February, he revealed in a documentary that he shared his bedroom with young boys and made his children wear masks in public, sparking outrage and calls for an investigation by California child welfare authorities.

And in March, a German promoter won a $5.3-million judgment from Jackson over canceled millennium concerts. Jackson's bizarre appearance on the witness stand during that case also caused a worldwide sensation.

Ticking bomb

Lawyers for Lee and Jackson could not be reached for comment on the latest legal fight.

Brian Oxman, a lawyer for the Jackson family, said he was not intimately familiar with the "Thriller" star's finances but did not believe he was in danger of going broke.

"I see no evidence of it," Oxman said. "I see evidence quite to the contrary. The man is making money and doing extremely well ... Michael is a mega-business. He operates a with a line of credit but he operates it intelligently."

Lee's lawsuit claims that he agreed to represent Jackson in the 1990s, believing that the 44-year-old former child star was "incredibly wealthy" thanks to decades as a pop icon and ownership of a large portion of the Beatles song catalog.

"At the time ... there was no clue that Jackson's extravagant lifestyle had all but bankrupted him," the lawsuit says. "Michael Jackson was–and is–a ticking financial time bomb waiting to explode at any moment." The lawsuit charges that Jackson had burned through hundreds of millions of dollars by 2000 and was living on lines of credit arranged by Lee.

"Plaintiffs contend that Jackson never intended to pay plaintiffs," the lawsuit says. "Instead, Jackson used plaintiffs money to sustain his extravagant and bizarre habits."

The lawsuit adds: "Jackson never intended to put his business and personal affairs in order but instead wished to continue to spend well beyond his means and ... take advice from charlatans and hangers-on who were incapable of improving Jackson's financial condition."

According to the lawsuit, Lee and Jackson had a falling out over the singer's increasing reliance on an advisor known only as "Samia" who promised to get him $300 million if he would buy her a $40-million villa and a yacht, among other things. *Reuters*

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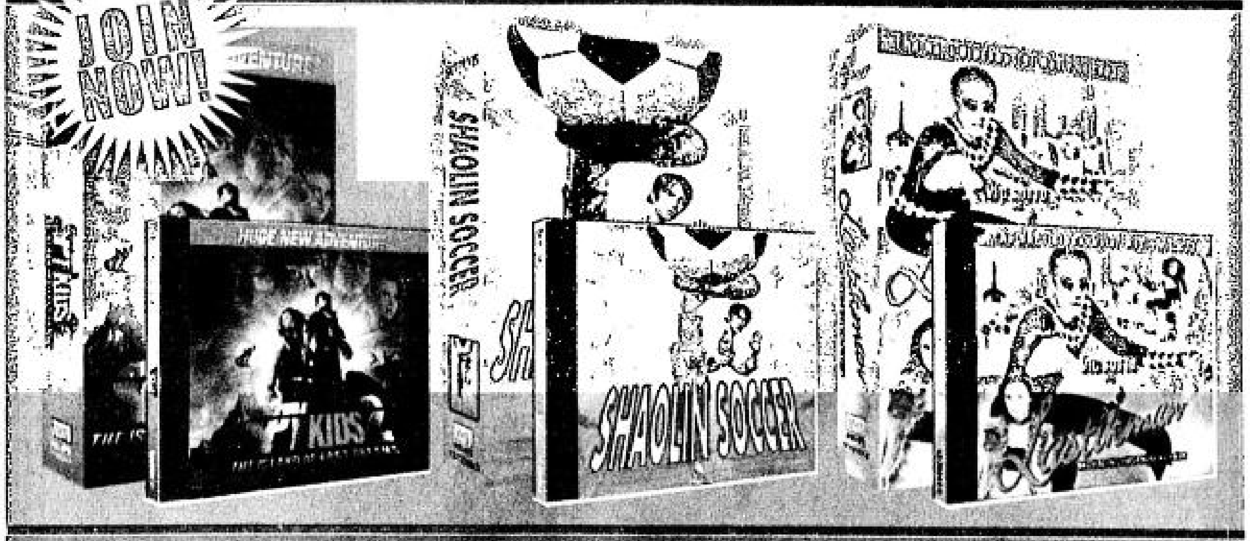

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Former scriptwriter keeps on bringing hits to Star Cinema

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Leah Salterio

HE vowed to give Star Cinema five hits in a row. With the box-office success of the **Ai-Ai de las Alas** starrer, "Ang Tanging Ina," director **Wenn Deramas** is only one movie shy of fulfilling that promise.

Prior to "Ang Tanging Ina," Deramas directed other hits like "Dahil Mahal na Mahal Kita" starring **Claudine Barretto, Diether Ocampo** and the late **Rico Yan**, "Mula sa Puso" with **Judy Ann Santos**, and "Kahit Ika'y Isang Panaginip" with **Jolina Magdangal.**

"I told my bosses, let me give you five hits so you can allow me to direct the projects that I like," Deramas shares.

He was having the jitters because "Ang Tanging Ina" opened last Wednesday at the same time as the **Fernando Poe Jr.** starrer, "Pakners." But the Ai-Ai comedy flick proved to be a strong box-office draw when it reportedly grossed a staggering P13 million on its opening day, despite the heavy rains brought by Typhoon Chedeng.

"Ang Tanging Ina" was not originally meant for Deramas. But when he learned it would star Ai-Ai de las Alas, Deramas grabbed the opportunity to work with the comedienne.

"I'm a fan of Ai-Ai," he confesses. "I watch all her shows. Even when you only talk to her, she can make you laugh."

In the movie, Ai-Ai spoofs scenes from Star Cinema blockbusters like "Anak," "Madrasta," "Kailangan Kita," "Tanging Yaman" and "Bata, Bata, Paano Ka Ginawa?"

Deramas, a native of Antique who is the youngest of five children, started at ABS-CBN as a scriptwriter.

"I've been a movie fan all my life," he says. "My mom is a Noranian. When Nora's 'Blue Hawaii' was shown, my mom woke us up at 4 a.m. so we could line up outside the theater."

The first movie he watched was "Grease," which starred **John Travolta** and **Olivia Newton-John**, when he was in the sixth grade.

"I also watched a lot of Sharon (Cuneta) and **Maricel (Soriano)** movies," Deramas says. "I memorized all the lines and re-enacted the memorable scenes."

Directing had been his passion as early as when he was in grade school. "I would gather my playmates and make them act out scenes from movies," he recalls. "The directors I look up to are **Lino Brocka** and **Ishmael Bernal.**"

Deramas is a hotel and restaurant management graduate of the University of Sto. Tomas. In college, he was active in Teatro Tomasino. In high school, he was a member of the Jose Rizal College (now a university) drama club.

After college, he applied as a talent coordinator with ABS-CBN programming executive **Deo Endrinal**, but another job was given to him instead.

"Deo asked me to write a script for 'Teysi ng Tahanan,' but my first script was rejected by **Tessie Tomas**," Deramas says.

Instead of losing hope, he kept on writing scripts. At one point, he was writing for nine ABS-CBN shows, including "Calvento Files," of which he later became executive producer.

He also worked as production assistant for the now-defunct cultural program, "Tatak Pilipino," hosted by **Jim Paredes** and **Gel Santos-Relos.**

"*Tagabili lang ako noon ng food nila* Jim and Gel," Deramas remembers.

When "Calvento Files" director **Laurenti Dyogi** started directing movies, Deramas was given a chance to work behind the cameras.

"Lauren was my mentor," he says of Dyogi. "The show ('Calvento Files') started getting different directors and I was given a once-a-month stint. Then they made me pinch-hit for **Michael de Mesa** in 'Flames' and I directed an episode of 'Star Drama Theater' with Rico Yan and **Coney Reyes.** When Direk **Chito Roño** turned down an episode of 'Maalaala Mo Kaya,' they also got me.

"After that, (ABS-CBN executive) **Cory Vidanes** gave me 'Mula sa Puso.' For the pilot episode, *napagalitan pa ako ni* Ma'am **Charo (Santos-Concio).** But I took that as a challenge."

He went on to direct other soaps like "Saan Ka Man Naroroon," "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan" and even **Nora Aunor**'s "Bituin." He is also the director of the new ABS-CBN youth-oriented series "Buttercup."

4 HITS IN A ROW. Director Wenn Deramas of "Ang Tanging Ina"

Aubrey welcomes showdown

FOLLOWING her movie debut in "Prosti" and her more daring follow-up in "Xerex," **Aubrey Miles** this time strikes terror in the heart of moviegoers in "Sanib," the only horror film entry in the Manila Film Festival, which starts June 11.

In the film directed by **Celso Ad. Castillo** for Regal Entertainment, Aubrey plays a young bride who is possessed by the spirit of a long-dead half sister who had vowed to torment her.

Raymond Bagatsing plays the priest who comes to perform an exorcism on her.

"This is the first time I'm in a horror film and also the first time I'm in a movie that children can watch," Aubrey says. "It's a big change for me since my previous movies were sexy."

But then, Aubrey also bares some flesh in "Sanib." Another sexy star, **Maui Taylor**, also goes bold in the Viva Films entry, "Huling Birhen sa Lupa."

"I have no problem with that," Aubrey says of the perceived rivalry between her and Maui. "If they want to call it a showdown, let them."

Also in the cast of "Sanib" are Carlo Muñoz, Gina Alajar, Joel Torre, Ana Capri, Dindin Llarena and Isabella de Leon.

Grateful Raymond

RAYMOND Bagatsing sent text messages to thank me for the write-up about him in this column last Monday (May 26).

"Thank you so much for a nice article," Raymond said. "I was touched, but *lalo na mama ko.* She called long distance (from Australia), cried and said sorry for the past.

"But all is well, though it is still a sensitive issue *na hindi napapag-usapan* before. Thank you for being a part of the full circle that brought this about.

GAME AND GRATEFUL. Aubrey Miles stars as a possessed woman in "Sanib," with Raymond Bagatsing, who has come full circle in his private life.

"Thank you. That is really from my soul. What you wrote was a confirmation to me that you listened well to my story that is still very tender in my heart.

"*Babanamkevalam*. God bless."

Correction

SHARON Cuneta also texted last Friday to correct the front page article about her, "Politics dirtier than show biz, says Sharon," which came out that same day.

"*Baka* you misunderstood me," she said. "Kiko and I were in our house in Laguna last Monday and the last time I was at *Tita* Helen's (Gamboa) house was months ago. But I've seen *Tita* Helen in family dinners and she visited me *pa* in shooting with her best friend yesterday (Thursday, May 29)."

"Kiko and I were in Laguna because my shooting was packed up due to the rains and I taped a special for my show, 'Sharon,' last Wednesday. It will be aired Sunday (today).

"Kiko and I were with the kids, my mom, **Kuya Chet** and his family.

"My Sotto cousins and I have had this girl bonding thing for many years, *kahit na may asawa na kami ni* **Lala**. The last time we did that was last year *pa*."

MISS MAKATI

What, no question-and-answer portion?

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE 2003 Miss Makati search organizers had boasted that contest gave more points to intelligence than beauty. Does that explain why there was no question-and-answer portion? This is the portion which usually elicits laughter and ridicule in most other beauty tilts.The Miss Makati winners were crowned on May 26.

The two-hour beauty show, hosted by Eddie Mercado and held at the Grand Ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental, started with the 13 contestants parading in swim wear and culminated with the young women in evening gowns.

The only time the winners, 2003 Miss Makati Chari Jamel Manlapaz and Miss Tourism Makati Christine Marie Co, got to impress the judges with their brains was during the pre-judging interview held four days before the coronation night.

Manlapaz, 17, is a nursing student in the school division of the Makati Medical Center. Co, 18, is taking up hotel and restaurant management at the College of St. Benilde.

According to Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay, Manlapaz and Co will act as ambassadors of goodwill to encourage potential investors in the city, one of the country's business centers.

Binay said the Miss Makati search marks the beginning of the city's month-long celebration of its 333rd founding anniversary.

The brain and beauty show also featured comedian Jon Santos, who made the audience roll in the aisles when he impersonated actress and producer Armida Siguion-Reyna.

Soul singer Jaya Ramsey, who came straight to the pageant as soon as she arrived from New York where she had also performed, sang three songs to the 13 candidates.

The pageant's main beneficiary is the Makati Historical and Restoration Foundation.

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2003 MISS Makati Chari Manlapaz and and Miss Tourism Makati Christine Marie Co are flanked by the Binays. JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

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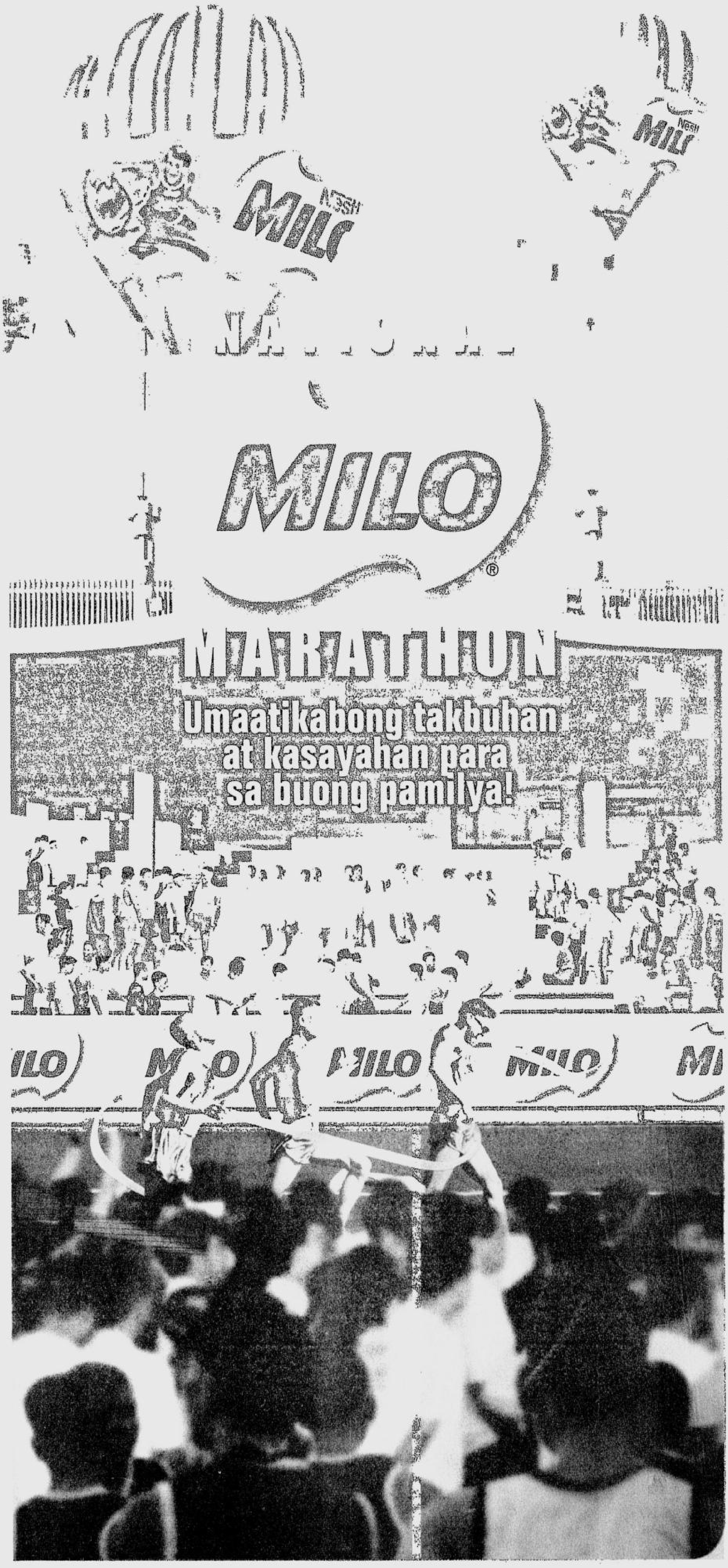
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Lipa City	July	20	July	12
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Olongapo City	August	17	August	9
Butuan City	August	24	August	16
Cebu City	August	31	August	23
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Star still haunted by 'Psycho' after 50 years

BEVERLY HILLS, California—Janet Leigh has starred in 50 movies, appearing opposite many of the biggest names in Hollywood. Yet she will never be as famous as the girl in the shower.

The scene occupies a mere 45 seconds on the screen, but it remains in the memory of every moviegoer who has seen it. "Psycho," released 40 years ago, was Alfred Hitchcock's most famous attempt at terror. It worked, particularly when an unseen assailant slashes Leigh to death as she stands under the shower's spray.

Does Leigh fret that the brief sequence has overshadowed her other achievements?

"I say thank God," she replied. "How can anyone not be grateful for that kind of opportunity? I don't mind being bombarded by something like that. That's what the (movie) business is all about: creating images."

Leigh even published a book called "Psycho, The Classic Thriller." She has also written a memoir, "There Really Was a Hollywood," as well as two novels, "The Dream Factory" and "House of Destiny."

At 75, Janet Leigh may not have the girlish looks of her early film career, but she remains strikingly beautiful. And slender: Her waist is as narrow as a ballet dancer's. She attributes her slimness to a natural metabolism, working out daily, and playing tennis twice a week.

She lives with her second husband, Robert Brandt, in a handsome wood house that resembles an alpine chalet atop Beverly Hills, with a view all the way to Catalina Island on a clear day.

Leigh no longer appears on screen, but does make occasional personal appearances at film festivals or to promote her books.

Leigh appears to have a deficiency that is rare in Hollywood: an inability to badmouth anyone. Not even ex-husband Tony Curtis, who left her and their daughters Kelly and Jamie Lee in 1962 for a young Austrian actress, Christine Kaufmann.

Leigh also appeared in two other certifiable-classics: Orson Welles' "Touch of Evil" (1968), and "The Manchurian Candidate"

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IN 'PSYCHO'

JANET LEIGH today

Did You Know...

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edly running all over the place, which annoyed the Morita's owner who reportedly prefers no kids in her restaurant."

Mrs. Alcasid writes:

"Ogie's friends and admirers wanted him to react to this item but he told them he did not want to waste precious time on such trash. I am Ogie's mother, and I cannot allow this outrageous and intentional distortion of the truth which maligned the reputation and integrity of my son and his family. I was a personal witness to this 'incident' and this is how it happened:

"My son Ogie and my daughter Gigi have their own families and separate residences. My other son Tony lives with me and my husband. As is the culture of most Filipino families, we get together from time to time and more often than not, we choose a newly opened eating place as the venue of our meetings.

"That particular evening, Gigi chose Morita's and made the proper reservation for 10. I arrived in the restaurant accompanied by my husband and son Tony, followed by Gigi and her two teenagers. We ordered fruit juices.

"When Ogie, Michelle and their two daughters (aged 6 years and 4 months) came, they were told by the waiters and the owner that children are not allowed in the place. We admit that it is the prerogative of the owner to adopt a no-children policy in her restaurant. However, the absence of an admonition to that effect when the reservation was made caused tremendous embarrassment, especially to Michelle, who was still straining with her daughter's crib at the entrance of the restaurant when she was refused entry.

"This is the only time Ogie and his family went to this place.

"Furthermore, allow me to say my piece on the no-children policy of Morita: The family is the center of Filipino culture and tradition. Hence, family get-togethers at savory eating places are commonplace, particularly in Metro Manila.

"A family get-together without children is not complete. I would therefore venture to say that banning children in restaurants is almost sacrilege."

GMA 7: We made 'record' ₱650 M...

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He said GMA 7 made P1.323 billion in airtime revenues from January to May 2002. For the same period this year, the network registered P3.71 billion in sales.

"That's a very significant increase," Quiogue pointed out. "We're happy. ABS-CBN is doing well. We're also doing well and even better compared to last year."

He also pointed out that the network achieved the latest record without increasing its advertising rates, while ABS-CBN implemented increased rate cards in February.

He said GMA Network expects to further boost its sales with a projected rate increase by the second half of this year.

Delayed increase

"We believe we can achieve our target without burdening the industry with an increase, although we only postponed it," Quiogue said. "We will implement our increase in July."

GMA senior vice president for corporate services Felipe S. Yalong expressed confidence that the network could surpass its 2002 total net income of P401 million in just the first five months of this year.

GMA management is very upbeat over the company's continuous and massive improvement in sales, according to Yalong.

"Previously, our revenues were only about one-third that of ABS-CBN's," Yalong said. "Now we have increased our sales to more than half their earnings in a short period. In terms of total expenses, ours are less than half their total."

GMA 7's reported revenues, according to Yalong, are from TV ads only and do not include earnings from blocktime programs, particularly from its top-rating daily noontime show, "Eat Bulaga!"

Cost efficiency

Management attributes the success to the cost efficiency of many of its programs. GMA was behind in ratings by only one percentage point in the first quarter of 2003. Based on data released by AGB Philippines as of the second quarter of 2003 covering April 1 to May 17, GMA is now tied in total day household ratings with ABS-CBN at 14 percent.

Earlier, ABS-CBN senior vice president for integrated sales and marketing Nicanor Gabunada told INQUIRER Entertainment that its P1-billion gross in May brought the network's total gross so far this year to P4.1 billion.

"It's a record year-to-date figure that overtook our 2002 gross sales by 23 percent," Gabunada had said. "Since ABS-CBN started operating again in 1986, this is the only time we reached P1 billion in sales in one month."

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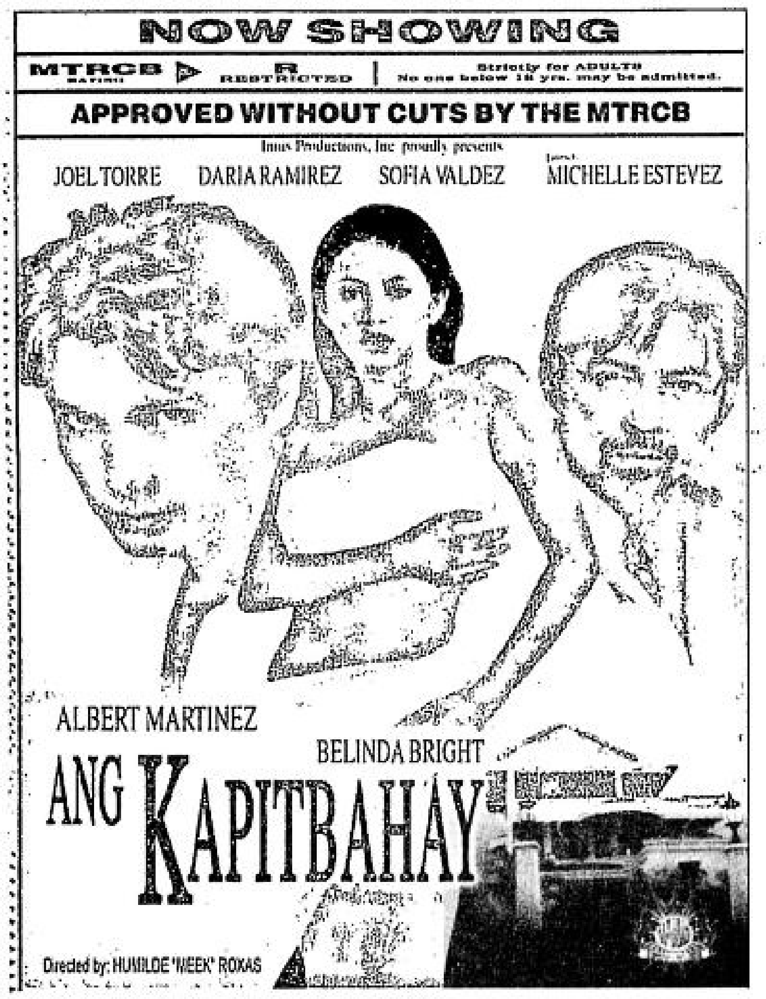

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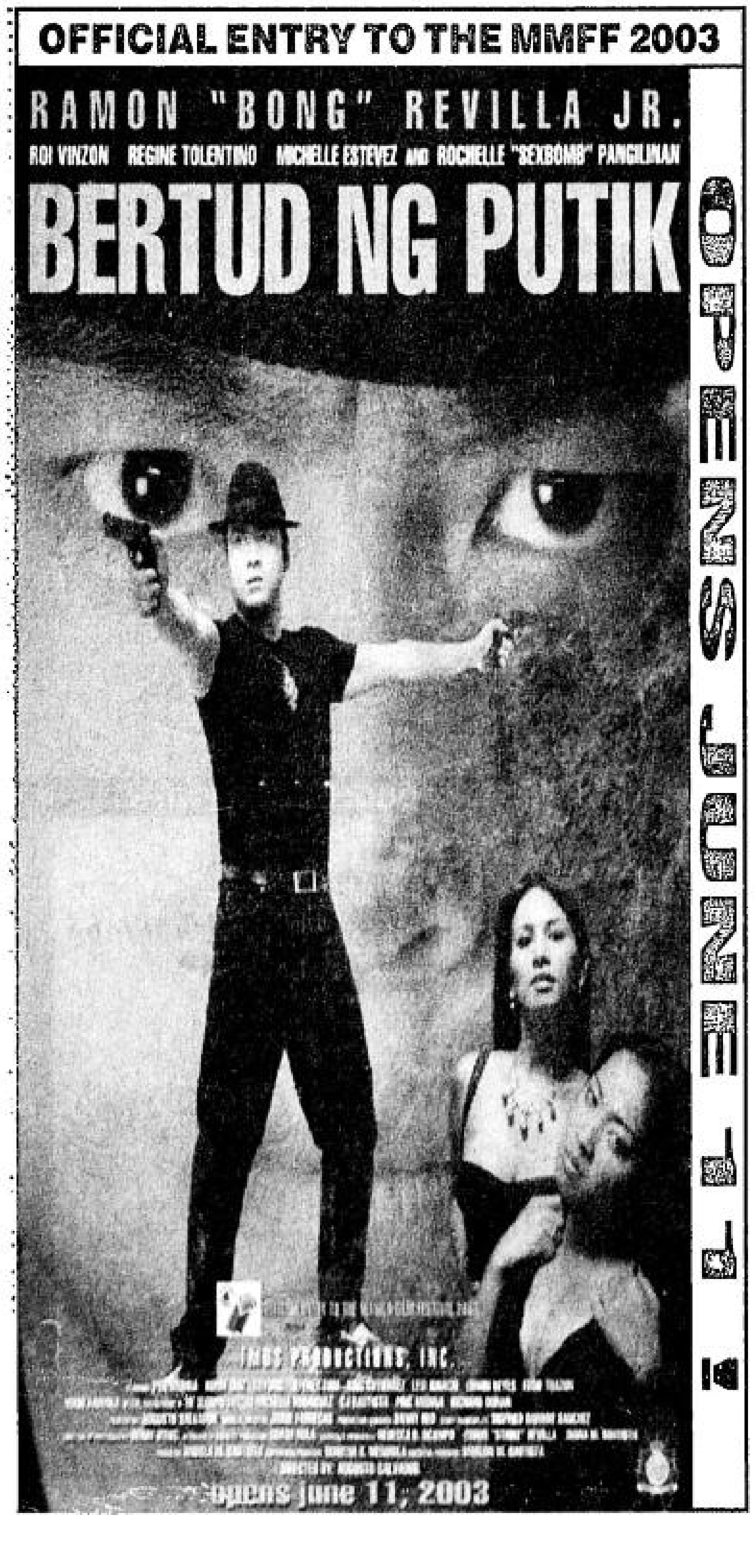

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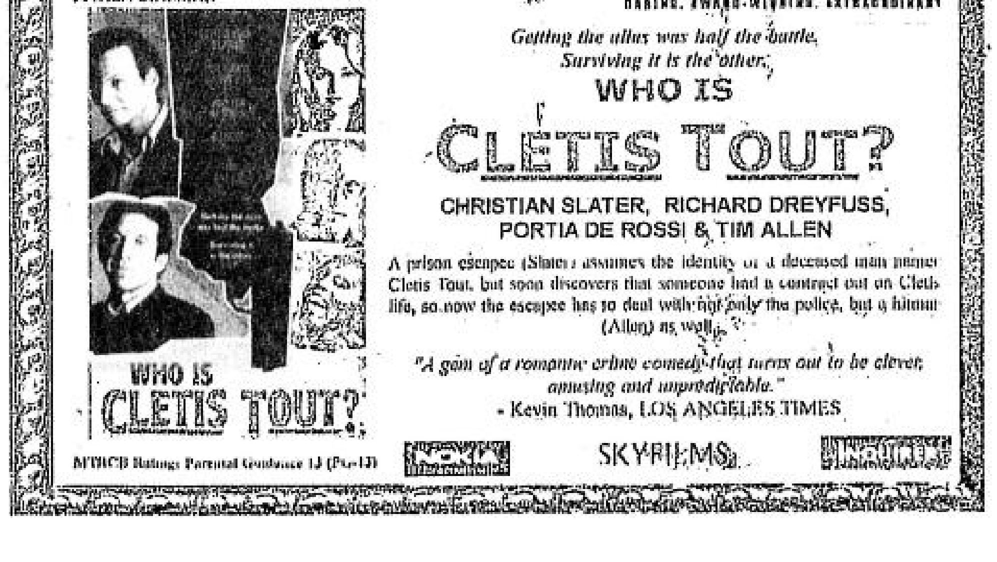

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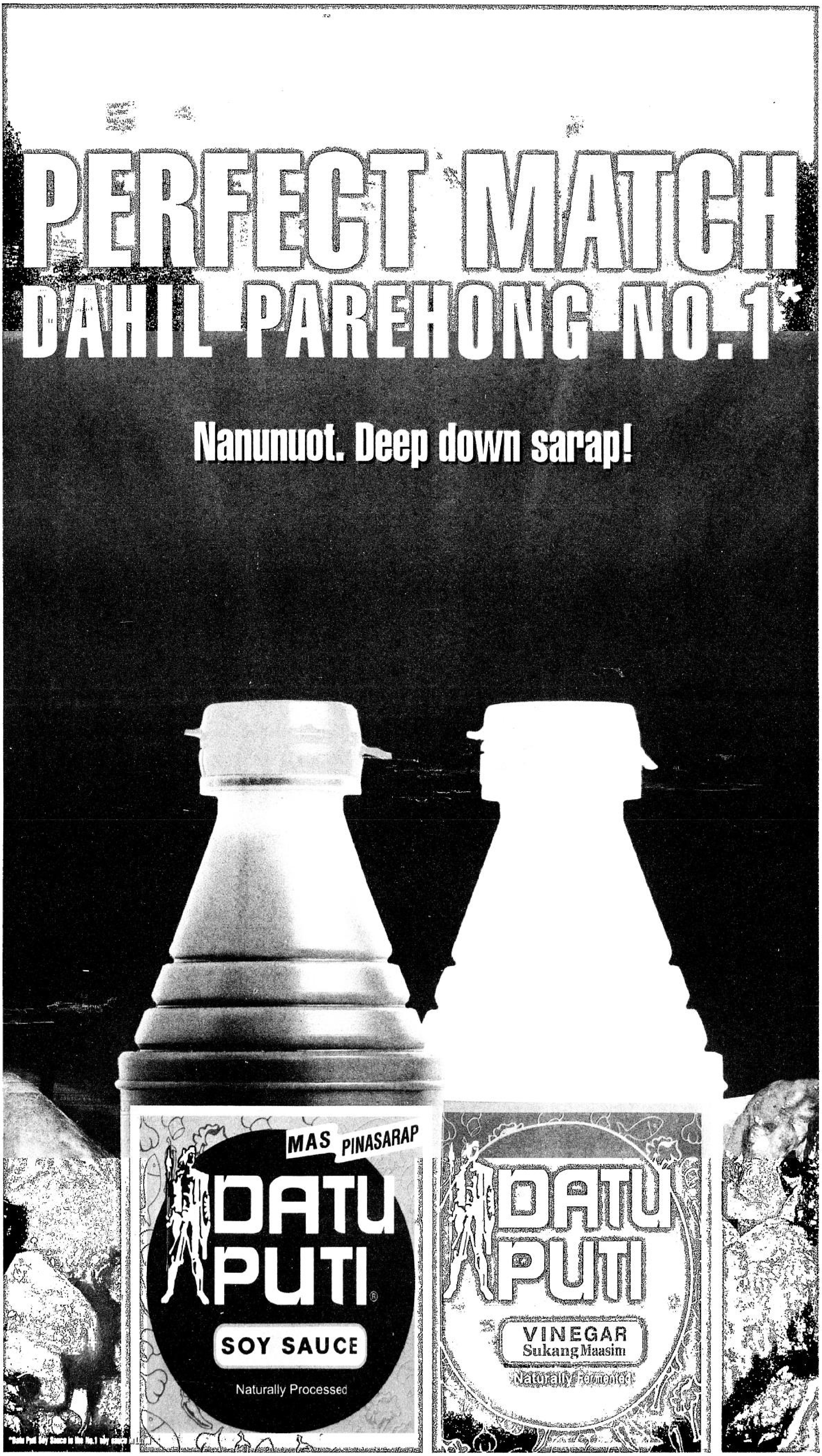
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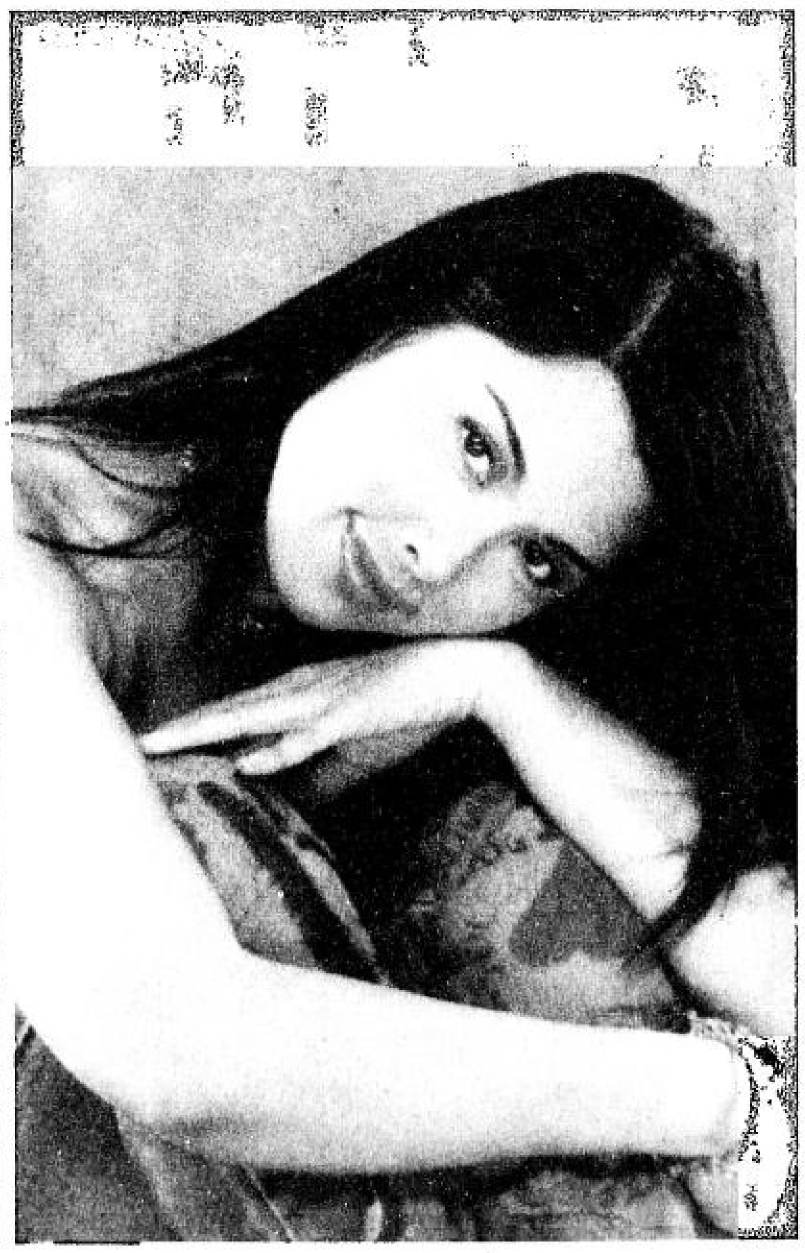

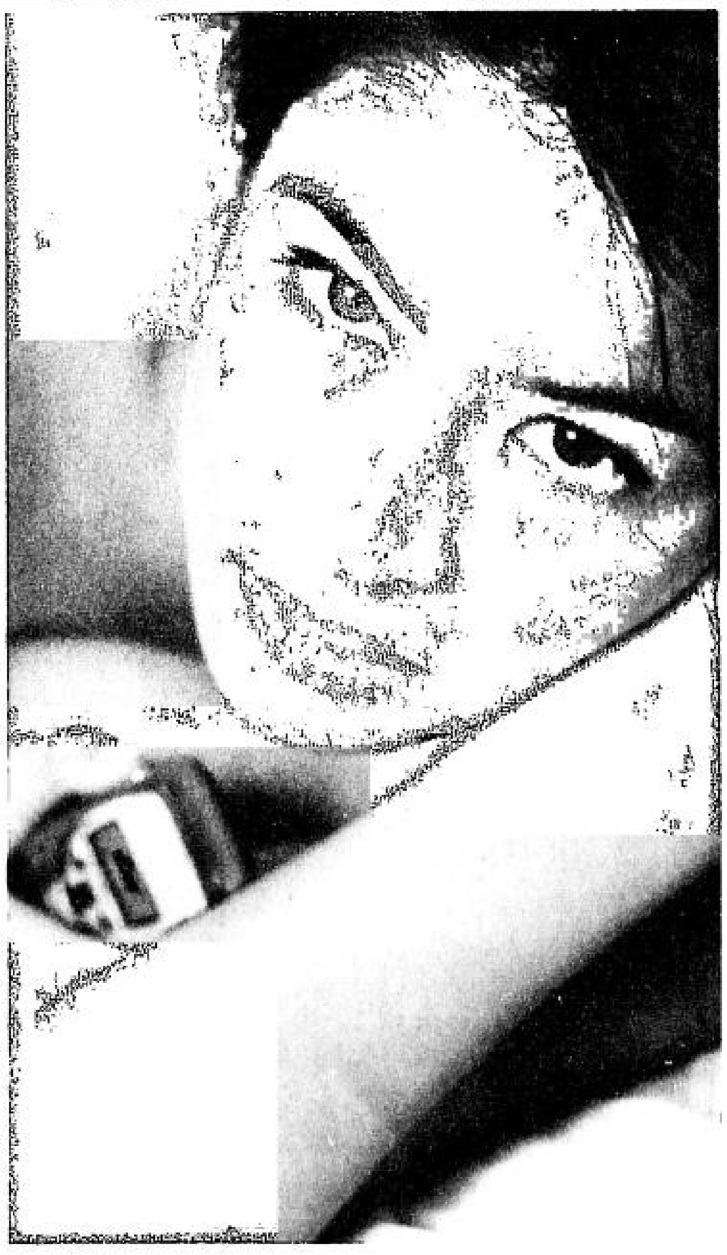

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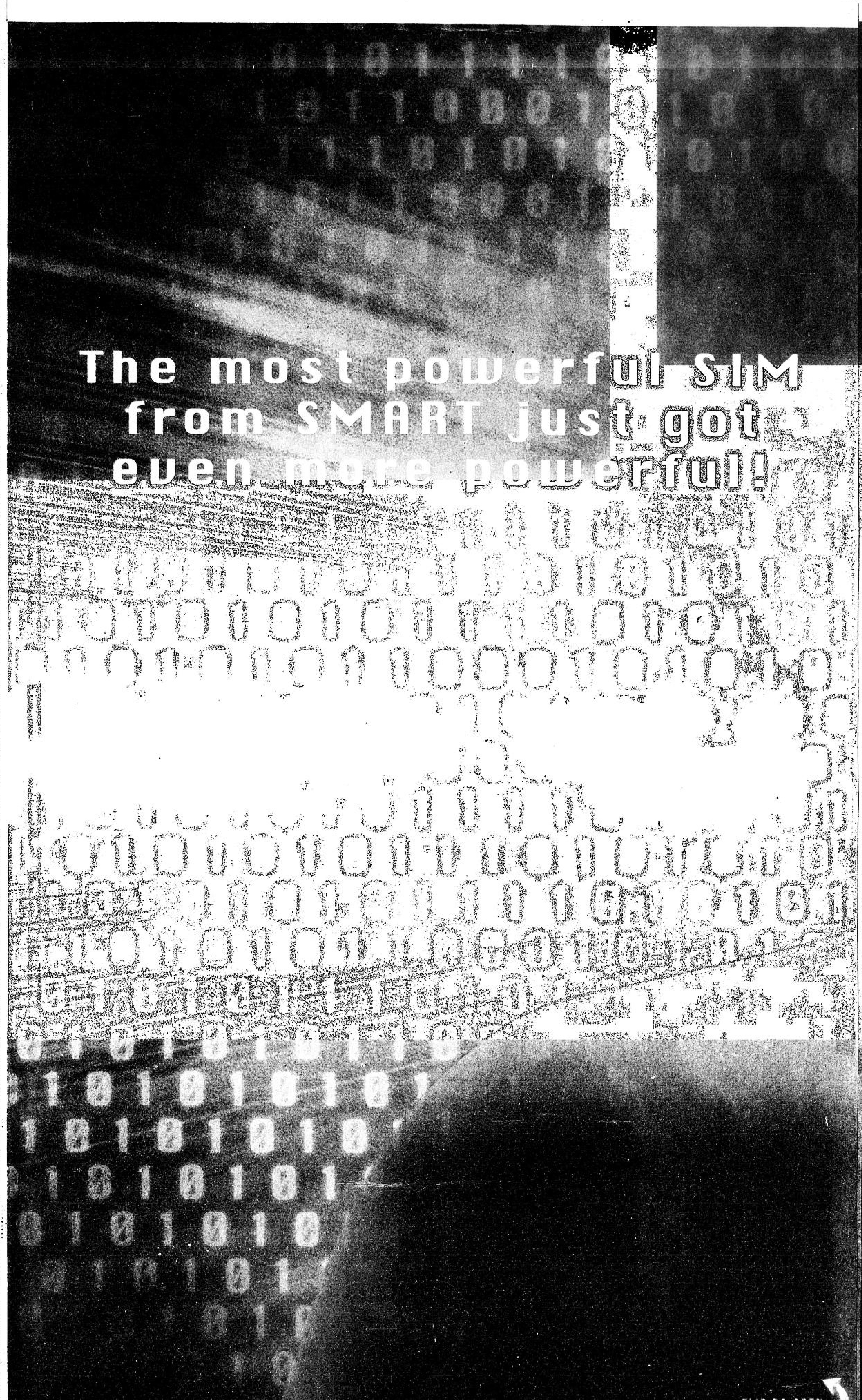
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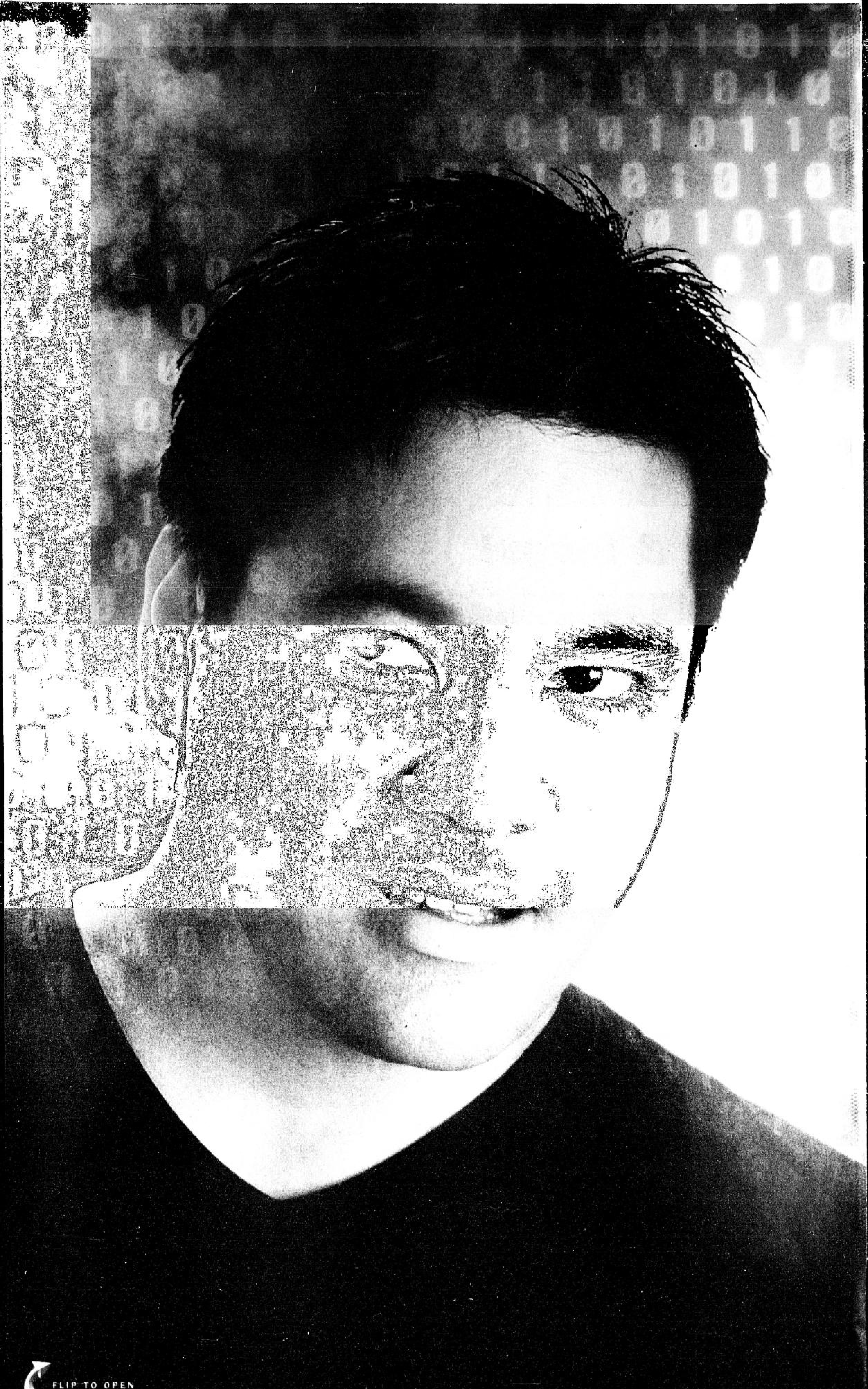

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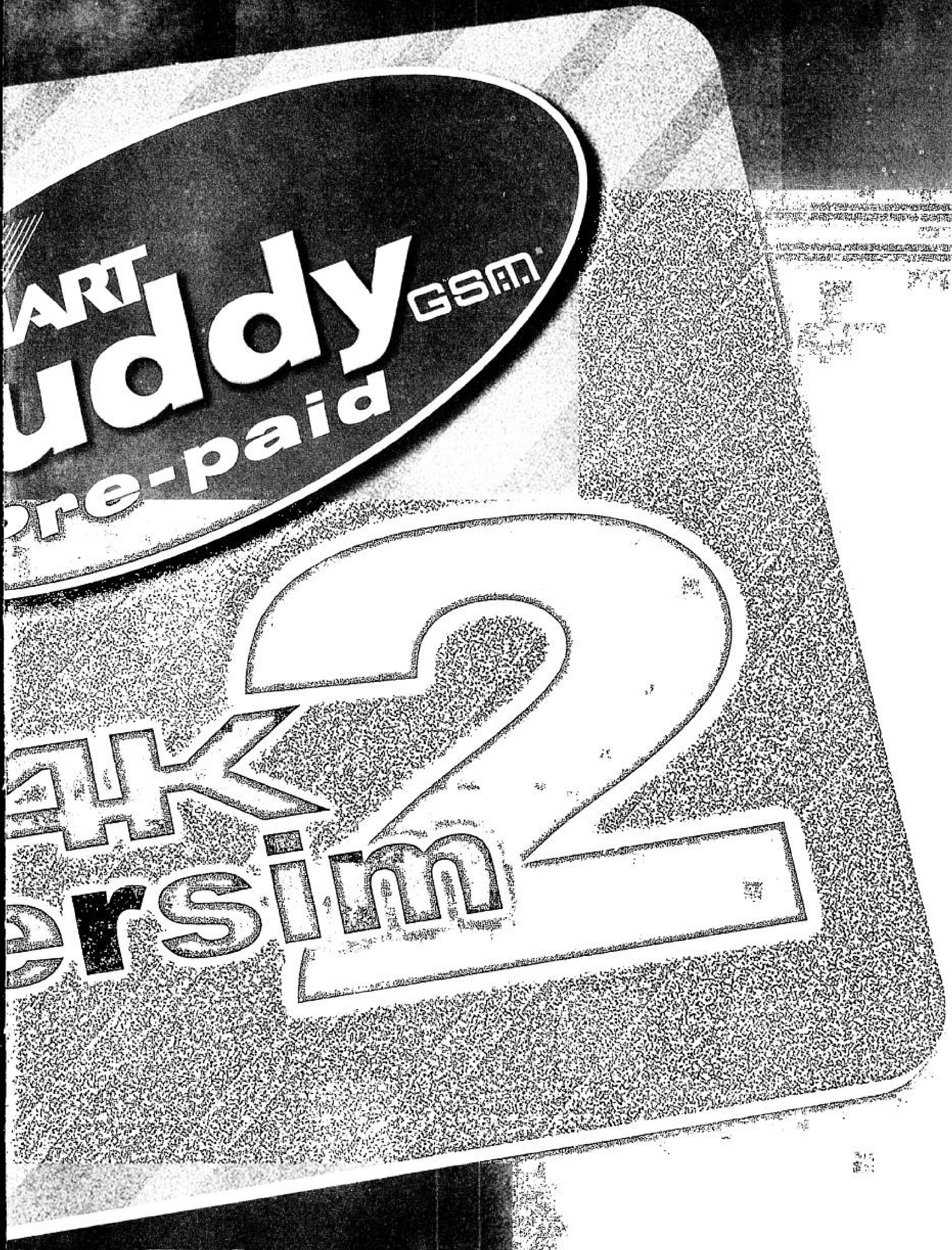
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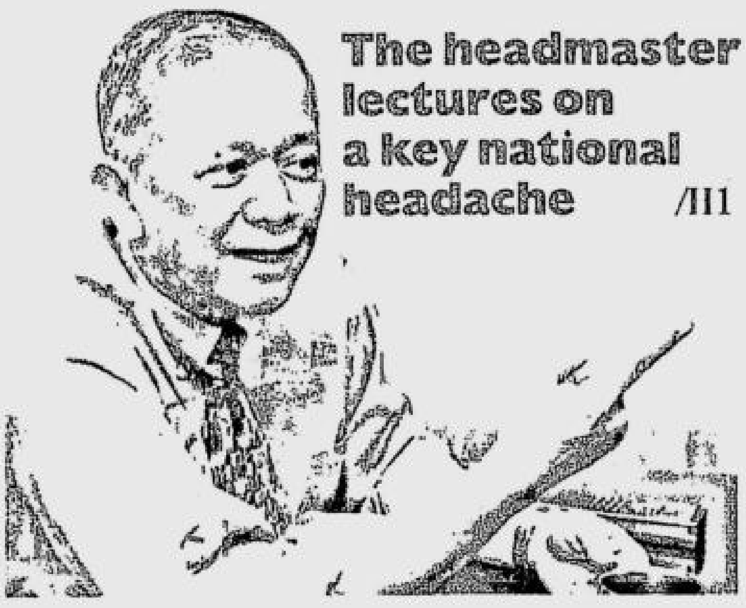

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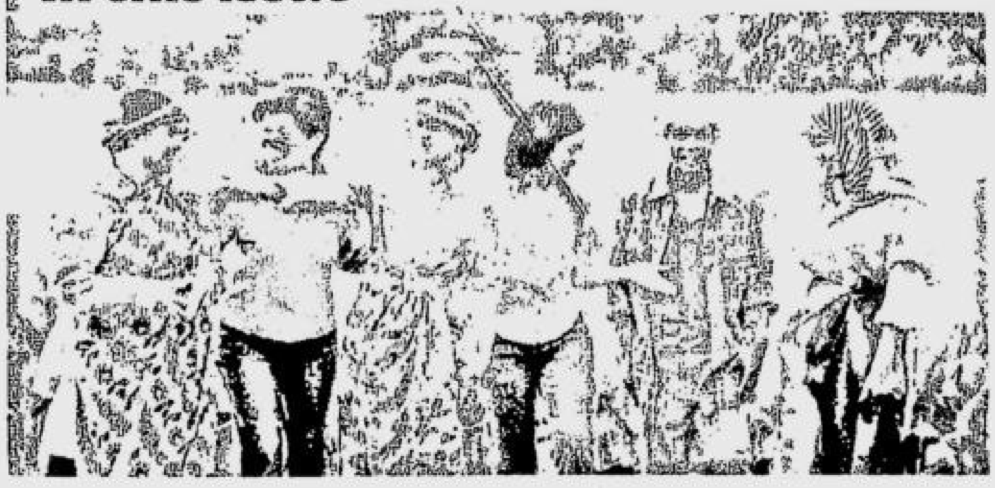

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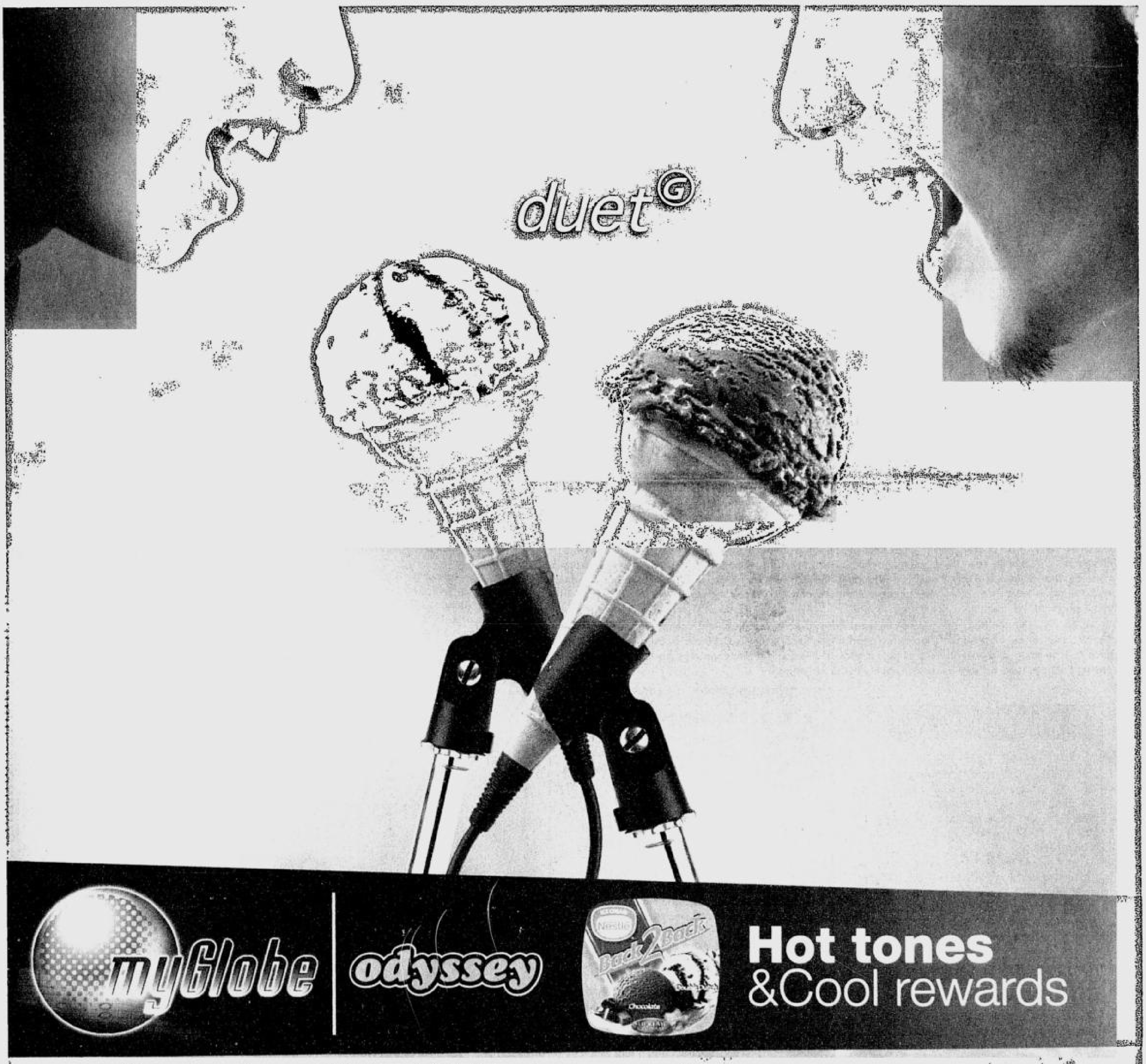

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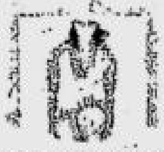

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Spots from the heart

By Cathy Babao Guballa
Contributor

STORIES that touch the heart are more often than not the kind of stories that people remember. Those that make you cry and move you to action linger on in your memory long after the magazine or newspaper has been put away.

The same holds true for film and television. Often, you are moved by the visuals because they remind you of someone—these are visuals that make you stop, think and take action. Such is the formula that GMA-7 uses in its latest 30 seconder "Value Meal" television spots which is part of its "Kapuso" campaign, the station's holistic approach to refurbish its image.

Values-based

"The term *kapuso* is melodic, unique and ownable," says Jessica Abaya, senior vice president for corporate strategic planning and new business development. "It fully represents what we want to establish with our viewers—a deep emotional relationship," she says.

More than just ratings and revenues, the network, according to Abaya, also seeks to enrich the lives of Filipinos everywhere.

Abaya joined the network in May last year after a 16-year stint with Procter & Gamble and is part of the team that is largely responsible for the station's new image and thrust.

"Families are a huge part of what or who we are," Abaya says. "Because life has become so complicated, there is a need to return to basics. That is what we hope to show our viewers through this new 'value meal' campaign."

The "value meals" come in four versions, each one lovingly crafted by the creative and entertainment divisions and directed by Raymond Red.

Each "meal" talks about a particular value, and the manner by which it is presented strikes a chord in the very core of the viewer's heart.

My personal favorite is the "Tampo" episode, which features an elderly mother sitting alone while her thoughts are voiced over—"*Kung kailangan ng pangalan ng doctor, tatawag. Hihingi ng* recipe, *tatawag. Magpapabantay ng bata... si* Mama *pa rin. Pag walang problema, buti kung makaalala...*"

The mother then sighs and throws a glance at a silent phone, rises from a chair and leaves the room. The next frame then shows singer Jaya, whom the public knows shares a warm and healthy relationship with her mother, saying, "*Ang magulang 'di lang takbuhan. Sila ang nagmulat sa atin kung ano ang tunay na pagmamahal... may okasyon man o wala.*"

"Tampo" hopes to move the viewer to remember and value their parents and not to take them for granted while they are still alive.

YOUNG stars Tanya Garcia and Dingdong Dantes make a pitch for family values.

"TAMPO" spot shows old mother missing her children.

When I saw this spot earlier last month, my instinct was to grab the phone and call my own mother. But because I am a mother myself, it struck an even deeper chord within me.

Abaya then showed us a video of another value meal, "Teens," which I am pretty sure, once aired, will get the nod of many a teenager's parent.

The "Teens" spot shows a pretty and hip young girl, probably around 16 years old, who has just arrived at a party. She takes a look at her cell phone and frowns a bit when it signals "low battery." Thus, she makes her way through the crowd of friends toward the landline on the other side of the room. She dials smiles and says, "Hello, ma? *Andito na po ako sa party...*" The spot closes with GMA teen stars China Hortaleza and Richard Gutierrez, saying, "*Kung ano ang pag-aalala natin sa kaibigan... wala 'yan sa tindi ng pag-aalala ng ating mga magulang.*"

Right on the spot for most parents of teenagers and hopefully, Abaya says he expects the spot to make an impact on young people. "We didn't want to be preachy here because doing so can turn off our young viewers."

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GMA-7 comes up with a family-oriented institutional campaign

YOUNG star Sunshine Dizon and teen idol Cogie Domingo share the joys of young life.

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FUN FACTS AND TRIVIA ABOUT YOUR EARS, NOSE, AND THROAT

Life is so rich! It is packed with a great deal of cool and amusing things that we often overlook. The beauty of life lies in how these mundane details can eventually translate into something with profound meaning and value. A few days back, I was surfing the Internet for some ENT medical research when I encountered a few short and comical tidbits. Intrigued and entertained, I decided to search for more trivia that I can share with you.

While one's health and body are serious concerns, they do brim with fun and interesting information that are waiting to be unfolded. ENT topics are good and relevant examples of these. Read on to know some of them and be smart and witty in front of your friends. While some of the trivia may be hearsay, twisted with passage of time, most of these are actually true! You be the judge.

What's in a word?

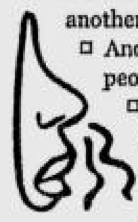
- Ever wonder where the expression "a frog in one's throat" came from? Medieval doctors believed that frog secretions when spread on a patient's throat, could help cure cough and colds.
- The word "gargoyle" (decorative figures on early architectures) originated from the Old French word, gargouille, meaning throat or gullet. This is also the etymology of the word "gargle."

Clean bill of health

- In Providence, Rhode Island, there is a law that prohibits stores to sell toothbrushes on Sundays. Toothpastes and mouthwashes are allowed for sale though.
- Keeping the mouth clean was a concern even from the days of Buddha, who was believed to use a "tooth stick," an instrument used as a part of his personal oral health routine.
- In the early ages, people drank goat's milk to achieve sweet and fresh breath.
- The early mouthwashes consisted of pure white wine and old urine. At the onset of the 20th century in Asia, Eucalyptus leaves were used as mouthwashes.

Body slam

- Mucus is the thin, slippery material produced by the nose (and it makes about a cupful a day!). It serves to rinse out particles from the environment, like dust, dirt, and pollen. It also moistens and warms the air that you breathe. When the weather is cold, your nose works overtime and produces more mucus. The excess fluid goes out the nose or down the throat -- the phenomenon of the runny nose.
- In the early 1900's, it was illegal to sneeze in public in the United States. Offenders with flu, colds, and fever were locked up. This law was implemented to contain the influenza epidemic, which consequently killed 20 million people worldwide.
- The hyoid, a V-shaped bone found at the base of the tongue near the voice box, is the only bone in the human body that is not connected to another.
- Anosmia is the condition that makes people unable to smell.
- Smell can arouse emotions such as happiness and fear.
- More than a hundred species of bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and viruses inhabit the mouth. Your mouth can contain more microorganisms than the entire world's population.
- The nose was the first organ mentioned in the Bible. See Genesis 2:7.



Beliefs & Superstitions

- Why do you place your hand in front of your mouth when you sneeze? Far from just being hygienic, old people believed that your soul might escape when you don't and evil spirits might enter your body. This popularized the expression, "(God) bless you," which was meant to keep evil away.
- To get rid of hiccups, pull out your tongue and hold it for a few seconds.
- If your right ear itches, someone is speaking good things about you. If the left itches, someone is speaking ill of you. An itchy nose means that someone is coming to see you.
- If you bite your tongue while eating, it is because you have recently told a lie.

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COMEDIAN Michael V is champion of kids.

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Relationships

Also currently airing is a spot called "Sunset," which shows a middle-aged married couple out on a simple, inexpensive date, watching the Manila Bay sunset. Filled with warmth and candor, it reminds viewers that no matter how long one's marriage, romance should still strive.

Christopher de Leon, whose solid marriage to Sandy Andolong is well-known, but who himself once went through a troubled union, says at the close of the spot—"*Anumang tagal ng pagsasama, anumang pagsubok ang nagdaan, dapat walang pagbabago sa pag-ibig na nasimulan. Kailan ba kayo huling nag*-date?"

It is hoped the spot will create waves of guilt for couples who have neglected one another in favor of the children. "A family's strength begins with the basic relationship of husband and wife," Abaya says. "If that is not strong, then you can almost expect trouble in the other relationships within the family."

Parent-child relationship is tackled in the spot called "Balita," yet to be aired by the network. Very simple yet powerful, the spot shows a father engrossed in reading a newspaper, oblivious to his son who has just arrived from school and who has been trying to catch his attention. The father makes several comments about the news he is reading, unmindful of his son, until the boy enters the room and slams his door.

Arnold Clavio of the network's news division then appears and asks the question, "Eh, *sa anak mo, may balita ka ba?*" The spot is definitely a bull's eye in the heart, if you ask me, for fathers (and even mothers) who have prioritized earning a living and their own personal time over the welfare of their children.

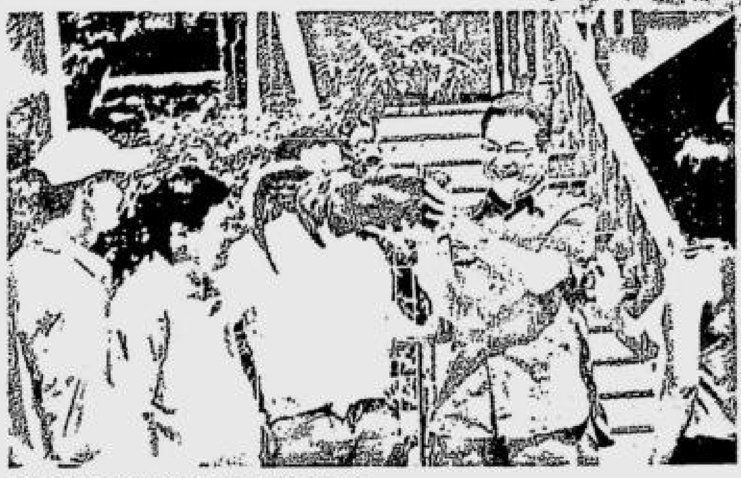
Ratings and responsibility

The spots are currently aired five times a day, and Abaya is hoping to get more prime-time airing. It will certainly be a pity if the "Value Meals" are shown only early in the day when parents are off at work. That would be missing the whole point.

We hope that the station will give more prime-time spots to these highly commendable and moving reminders of what is truly important nowadays.

"BALITA" spot

"TEEN" spot



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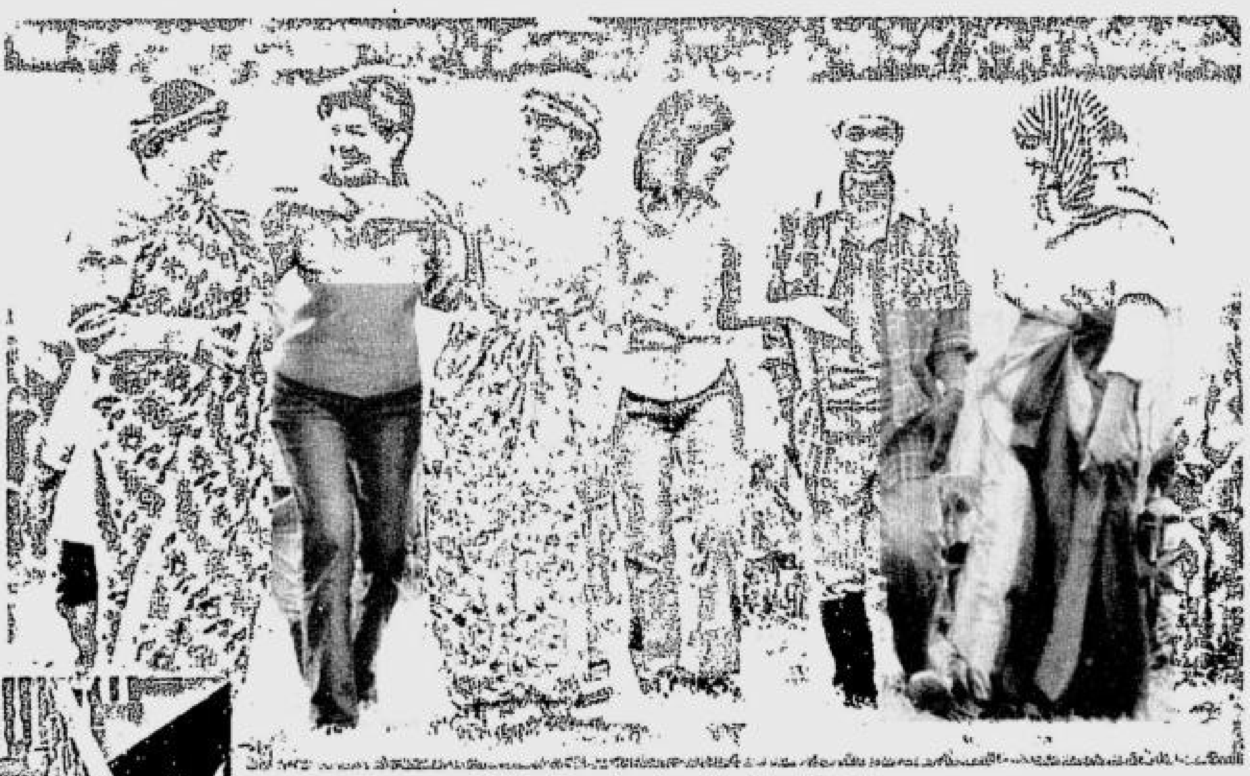

CHE-CHE Lazaro and Vicky Morales show kinship with indigenous groups.

AWARD-WINNING actress Hilda Coronel

We ask Abaya if the "Kapuso" and "Value" campaigns extend to the programming content of the station as well. She smiles and says, "Little by little. It's a struggle but I've never believed in the tyranny of ratings. It is not always ratings or responsibility. It can be ratings and responsibility."

Shows such as "Wish ko lang," "Magpakailanman" and "Art School" are the examples of entertainment that highlight the network's values.

"There's still along way to go but we'll get there," Abaya says, sounding optimistic. And the long road to better programming begins with a campaign that hits one directly where all change should begin—the heart.

BROADCAST journalist Jessica Soho and singer Regine Velasquez

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Child-friendly programs get Anak TV seal o

By Constantino C. Tejero

BY THE time a Southeast Asian child reaches 18, he or she would have sat before a TV set for a total of 16,000 hours as against roughly 12,000 hours spent in the classroom.

It's small wonder then that television is almost always identified as the culprit in "the erosion of youth morals and the increase in youth delinquency rates." Its reach and permissiveness have been blamed for everything but the solar eclipse.

It so upset even industry leaders that, in 1996, they got together and formed the Southeast Asian Foundation for Children's Television (SEAFCTV), "to protect children from smut, media violence, cultural decay, crass commercialism." (The United Nations Children's Fund considers as children those 0-18 years old.)

Now headed by Edgardo C. Roces as president, and with Mag Cruz Hatol as secretary general, SEAFCTV just gave out, for the third year, its Anak TV Seal to 29 Filipino family-friendly programs chosen by national juries. The annual award is unprecedented in Southeast Asian television history.

During the awarding ceremonies, the 2003 derby was also launched. Over 85 programs from all TV networks are participating.

Says the information sheet: "Similar to a seal of good housekeeping, the Anak TV Seal is a national award bestowed by various stakeholders (parents, educators, business, government and media people, the religious sector, NGOs, the television and advertising industry, the youth and children) on TV programs airing or about to air on Philippine television, whether locally produced or not, which they unanimously think are family-friendly. The criteria used are as diverse as the disciplines represented in the motley jury."

Nationwide jury

The selection starts with a primary screening that shortlists the entries. The jury is composed of parent leaders, teachers and school administrators, media people, NGO representatives, people from government and the labor sector. Students from various schools act as both arbiters and judges.

Shortlisted entries are assessed by a second-level jury, composed of artists and media people, key government officials (representing social welfare, education, culture, and regulatory agencies governing film and television), child psychologists, top businessmen, advertisers, TV executives and performers. Final judging is held during the SEAFCTV board meeting in January.

Initial screenings and shortlisting start in March. The primary-level jury has over 2,000 members nationwide, "to help generate multi-sectoral, multidisciplinary results necessary to determine the deserving TV programs."

Screenings for the secondary-level jury are held at Seameo-Innotech on Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, where nearly 100 jury members are divided into four groups for viewing of shortlisted children's TV programs for a whole afternoon.

After the screenings, each group deliberates and discusses everything from time slot to pacing. One hears comments like: "Very pleasant *ang* sceneries" and *"Lalo na 'yung mukha ng* baby."

Rigid evaluation

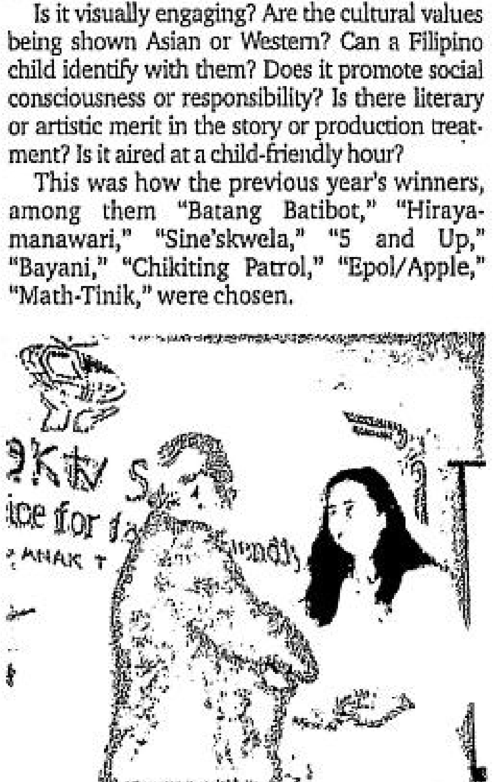
The evaluation observes certain yardsticks: overall production quality, moral values, cultural content, educational elements, understandability.

Specific areas are considered: the child's behavior while watching certain programs, and after; the language used as medium of communication; child-friendliness of telecast schedule; volume of commercials; presence of name stars and production tricks; foreign programs; cartoons and animé.

Questions are thrown here and there: Is the show or episode entertaining? Interesting? Informative? Spiritually or morally uplifting? Value-forming? Does it promote intelligent discussion? Does it need little adult supervision? Is the language understandable to children? Are there scenes of sex and violence? Does it have role models children can emulate or glorify?

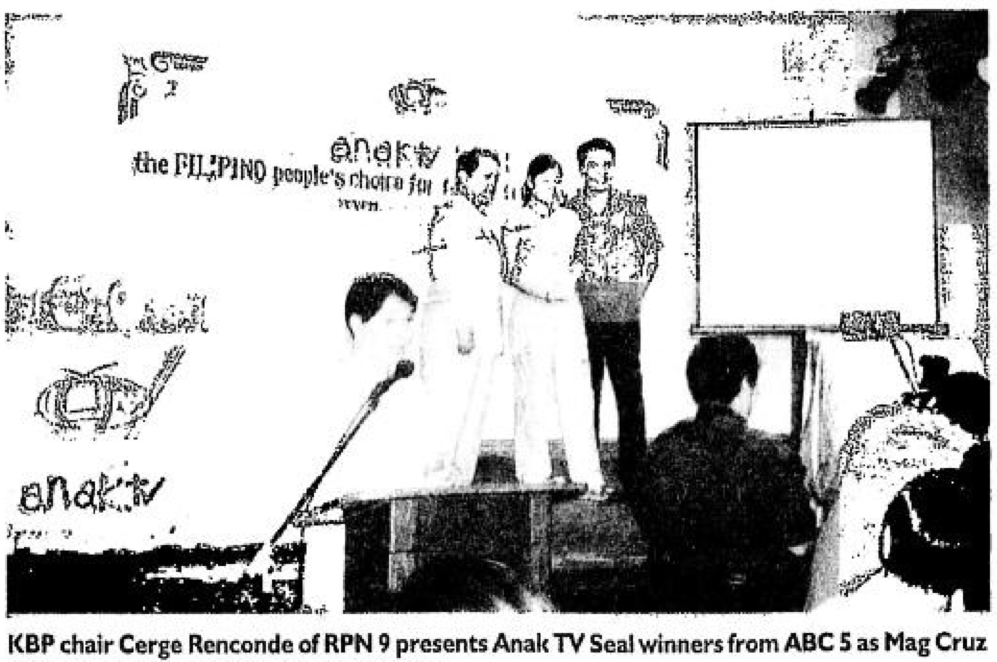
Is it visually engaging? Are the cultural values being shown Asian or Western? Can a Filipino child identify with them? Does it promote social consciousness or responsibility? Is there literary or artistic merit in the story or production treatment? Is it aired at a child-friendly hour?

This was how the previous year's winners, among them "Batang Batibot," "Hirayamanawari," "Sine'skwela," "5 and Up," "Bayani," "Chikiting Patrol," "Epol/Apple," "Math-Tinik," were chosen.



GMA'S Teresa Paradero receives award for "Blue's Clues" from Net 25's Art de Guzman.

Used correctly, TV can be both fun and educational



KBP chair Cerge Renconde of RPN 9 presents Anak TV Seal winners from ABC 5 as Mag Cruz Hatol annotates events in the foreground.

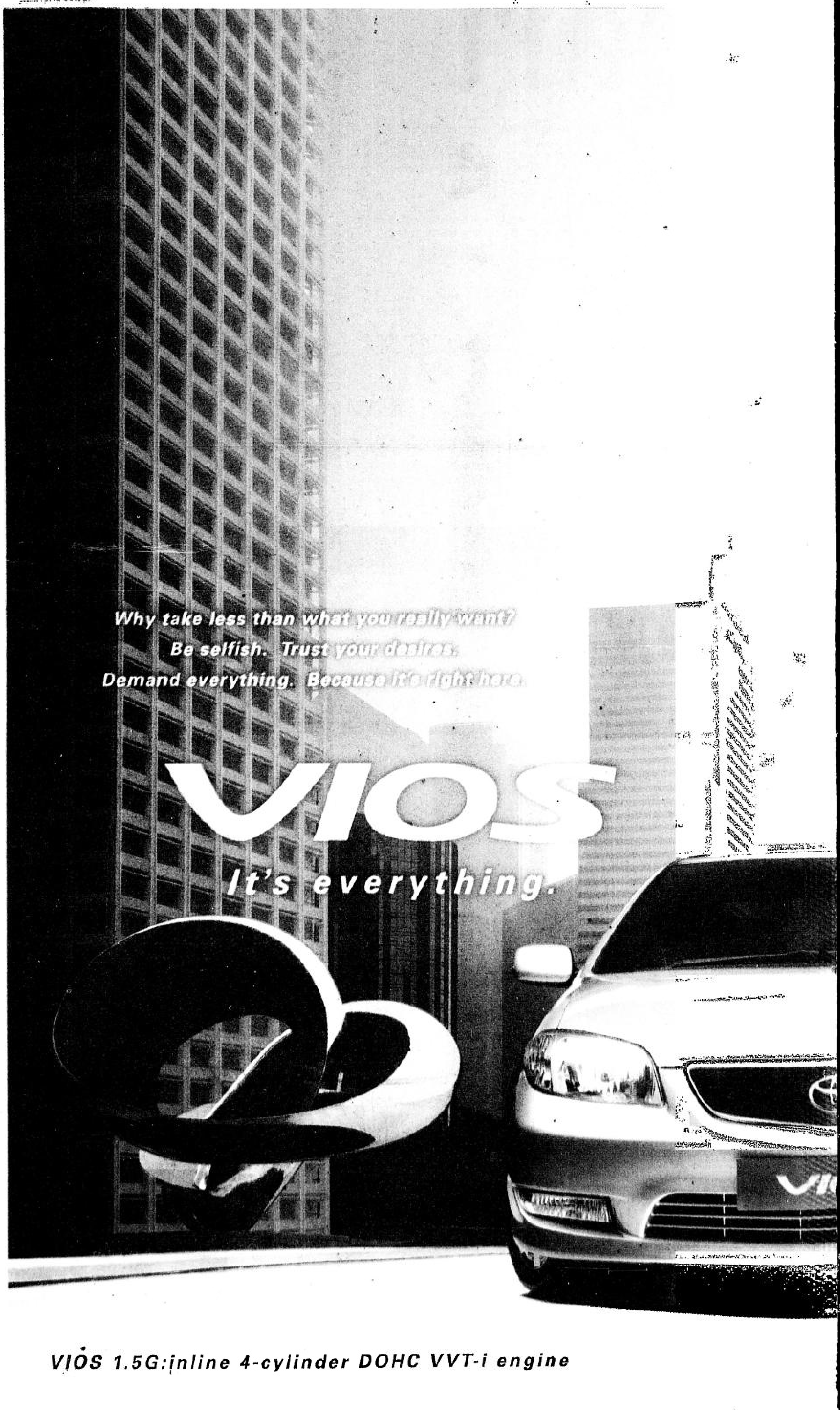
Seal of approval

During one such discussions, we heard people gushing over the same titles. This meant less than a fourth of the entries could get the seal of approval. Which didn't quite bode well for both Filipino parents and kids.

One of the jurors, Charito Planas, president of the Quezon City Parks Development, seems to have given up on violence on TV. "You can't avoid violence, *siyempre nandoon palagi sa* TV. Like in our *telenovelas, nandiyan palagi ang sampalan, tulakan. At ang bata naiiwan sa yaya*, so you can't always monitor what they're watching."

Does she consider the state of Philippine television for children generally bleak? "While there's still much to be desired, we can see the effort to be wholesome," she replies. "They're trying."

Another juror, Leah Reyes, founder and administrator of Bridges Foundation school for special kids, agrees. *"Mas ma*-improve *pa*. One of those I've watched, for example, is *sabog ang* storyline, the concept is not realized



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ould she say, then, that, generally speak- television is harmful for kids? "It depends ne's values. It's an external thing you control. But it can be a good tool for in- ation. We don't have that kind of prob- with the kids we're handling, because don't watch much TV. They have a short ntion span."

s and cons

nother juror, Elvira Go, a candy magnate, ves choosing the right programs for the depends on the parents' viewpoint. "The way to learn is to learn with your kids. ything starts with the family. We can't e it on the TV stations. We can't blame it e government, the business people, the a. Blame it on our inattentiveness, on self-centeredness. The problem and the tion are within you."

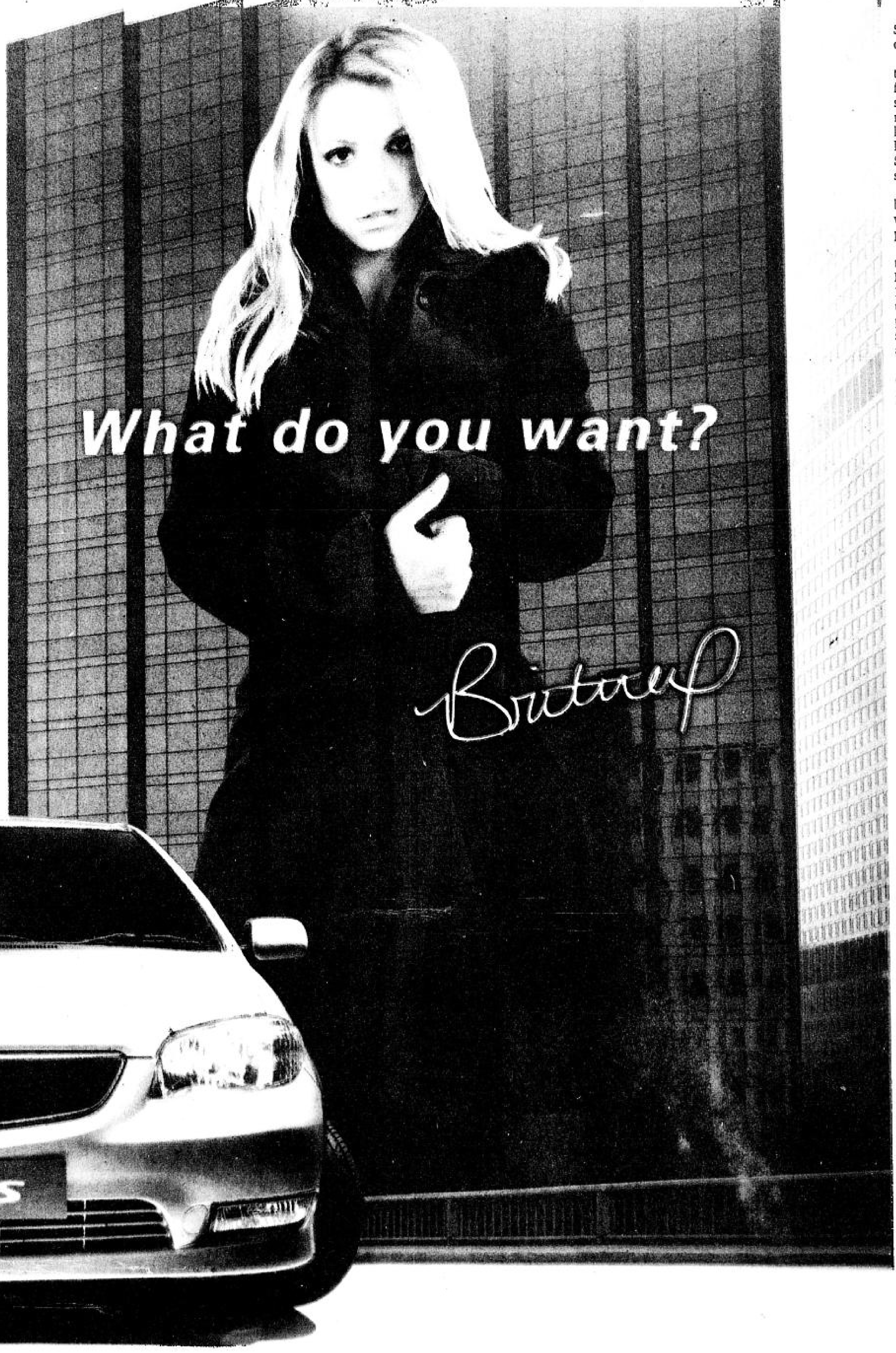
d what can she say about the state of Philippine television for children?

She has a mouthful: "Again, it depends on your viewpoint. You look at a film as a parent, or as a businessman, or as an NGO. From what I've watched, there's nothing spiritual in those shows, only educational, but mostly entertainment *lang*. Many are well made. If we have this kind, we don't need the imported. We have good people, actors, directors, but they're not supported by the government. There should be support also from the media, the business sector, also the parents. As it is, we only show or copy what's the trend abroad. *Kulang tayo sa* moral and spiritual aspect. *Lahat tayo peke.* Nobody cares about the country."

Be that as it may, Unicef acknowledges that, despite accusations of having negative effects on kids, ranging from teenage pregnancies to gang wars, "television can still be fun and educational—if kids watch the right programs at appropriate times and with adequate adult involvement."

There are arguments, of course, but better safe than sorry.

THE HEADS of various TV networks honor "Batibot" for its 18 years of dedicated programming for children.



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CURTAIN CALL. Nanette Inventor, designer Edgar San Diego, UP concert Chorus choreographer Ernes Hojilla and conductor Janet Sabas-Aracama

Music and couture in harmony and fusion

By Donnie C. Ramirez
Contributor

BEAUTIFUL music and innovative fashion blended perfectly together when couturier Edgar San Diego and the UP Concert Chorus presented the fashion musical "Disenyo't Musika."

The show at the AFP Theater in Camp Aguinaldo marked two milestones—San Diego's 20th year in the fashion business and the launch of the 2003 World Tour of the chorale group.

The three-part show presented San Diego's 100-piece collection to the vocal harmonizing of the UP Concert Chorus conducted by Janet Sabas-Aracama. Nanette Inventor, herself a product of the multi-awarded chorus group, introduced each segment.

The show opened impressively with a dazzling parade of San Diego's haute couture evening gowns to the soaring voices of the UP group, singing classical pieces such as "Gloria" (from Ryan Cayabyab's "Misa"), Brazilian Psalm and "O Fortuna" (from "Carmina Burana").

The show segued to a medley of Original Pilipino Music (OPM), which provided a dramatic counterpoint to San Diego's stylized interpretations of Filipiniana. The men's barong in jusi with embroidered patchworks and handpainted bird designs drew appreciative applause from the audience.

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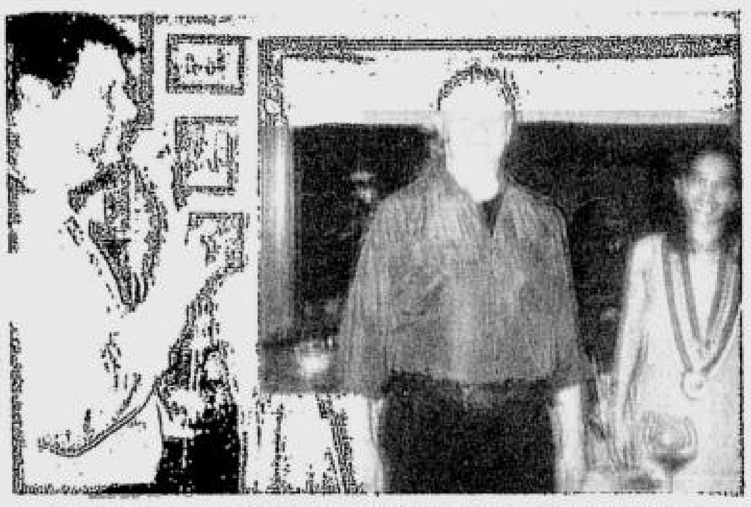
Europe Day and vintage wines



MICHEL Lhuillier congratulates Il Sole's Alessandro Chidoni and Teresa Borja.

CEBU City Mayor Tommy Osmeña and Tita Trillo

GABRIEL Palmer and Iris Arcenas

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Jaime Picornell

MEETINGS of the Consular Corps in Cebu are held at the Europa restaurant, presided over by Enrique Benedicto (Belgium's honorary consul). Lately they have become livelier than usual with the presence of important guests who share valuable information and interact with those present.

On one occasion, from the British Embassy came Her Majesty's Consul Ian Sargeant, whom many in the group already knew. With him was a dynamic young man, Chris Butland, the desk officer for Vietnam and the Philippines at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

Shortly after, there was another meeting made to coincide with the visit to Cebu of New Zealand Ambassador Terry Baker, who expressed a desire to meet the group. He was accompanied by the embassy's First Secretary and Consul Graeme McGuire, and Max Telford, who quickly told everyone he was Cebu-based. He is from New Zealand, his wife Josephine is a Filipina, and they have a business here.

Toasting Europe

Europe Day was marked in Cebu by the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), and here for the occasion was Ambassador Jan de Kok, who heads the European Union's delegation to the Philippines.

The reception was held at the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel. Henry Schumacher, the ECCP's executive VP, was happy to be back in Cebu for the occasion, and so was Diether Lehmann, formerly a director of the ECCP and now based in Thailand.

Doing the introductions were the ECCP staff in Cebu—branch manager Roselu Paloma, trade promotions officer Jeremy James Lumagbas, and Elmer Tizon, who is the online marketing officer.

The ECCP chapter in Cebu was well represented by its president Agustin Palao, vice president Markus Stern, and director Josephine Aboitiz Booth, who came in white and wore dazzling pearls.

Cebu City Vice Mayor Michael Rama and Lapulapu City Mayor Norma Patalinhug graced the occasion, as did a good sprinkling of honorary consuls from European nations: Sabino Dapat (Denmark), Arcadio Alegrado (Austria), Sammy Chioson (Portugal), Richard Forteau (France) and Antonio Chiu (Slovakia).

Almost simultaneously, and within the Marriott's walls, another party unfolded at the Garden Café. This was the opening of a European food festival to coincide with the Europe Day observance.

The hotel's general manager Christiane Wasfy cut the ribbon, assisted by Ambassador De Kok and Geoffrey Wong, manager of Singapore Airlines/Silkair, which flew in a chef from Singapore, Dieter Daniel Ruckenbauer.

Very much present was Bryan Cobonpue, manager of Royal Winds, the general sales agent of SIA/Silkair, with a bevy of beauties from his office—Miluz Rivera, Gidget Diez and Graziella Lim.

Wine parties

There were three wine-tasting parties in Cebu, almost one after the other. First it was Tita Trillo of Anthony's with a line of Mondavi wines at La Gondola, the specialty restaurant of the Waterfront Hotel.

Mondavi is originally from California, but now has vineyards in Chile, France and Tuscany, in partnership with the noblest family of them all, the Marchesi di Frescobaldi.

With Tita came Louie Moreno and Maricar Avellana, while Jen Meneses was introduced as in charge of the Cebu depot.

Marco Protacio, acting GM of the hotel, welcomed everyone, along with Shella Sarmiento, Mylah Mohammad, chef Dietmar Dietrich, and pretty PR managers Charisse Que and Renee Villasin.

A video presentation of Mondavi was followed by a petit concert (actually 24 delightful classical selections) by a string quartet from the Peace Philharmonic—Bryan Cimafranca, Gerry Varona, Sarah Maria Gonzalez and Gerry Gonzalez.

They are the best of the crop, said their mentor Prof. Jeffrey Solares, who noted how the guests attentively listened and enthusiastically applauded every piece.

L'Ordre Mondial des Gourmets Degustateurs, an organization within La Chaine des Rotisseurs, had its first event at Il Sole, the excellent Italian restaurant in The Village. Owners Teresa Borja and Alessandro Ghidon took the opportunity to present an exquisite line of wines from the region of Verona. That's where Romeo and Juliet's romance took place.

Different wines were served with each dish, from the wide range of antipasti to smoked *malasugui*, seafood soup, fine pasta drenched in olive oil and herbs, giant prawns, and dessert.

There were speeches of congratulations, first from La Chaine's Baili in Cebu, Amparito Lhuillier, and from Michel Lhuillier, who heads L'Ordre here. He singled out the sparkplugs who made the event a success—Mayen Tan, Richard Uysiuseng, Kenneth Lim, Derek Dytian, Jonji Gonzalez and Dondi Joseph.

Next evening, the action moved to Sol y Luna at the Ayala Entertainment Center. This time it was Gabriel Palmer hosting over 100 vibrant guests for a lunch of his newly arrived Spanish wines from Valdepeñas.

A long buffet of Spanish specialties was laid and constantly replenished until the party ended close to midnight.

Sol y Luna's trio of pretty owners were there—Iris Arcenas, Grace Lerma and June Ugarte.

They are preparing the place for the next La Chaine dinner, limited to only 35 people, on June 24. The date was chosen because that is the feast day of Spain's King Juan Carlos.

The dinner menu includes *croquetas, calamares, tortillas, paella, setas*, salads, *pescado al limon, pollo al ajillo, bacalao, cordero*, and an array of typical desserts.

Ladies are requested to wear ruffles, tasseled shawls, and high combs. They may also bring castanets to click the night away.

All the wines will come from Gabriel Palmer's Bona Viña.

EUROPE Day in Cebu with France's Richard Forteau, Slovakia's Antonio Chiu, Marriott GM Christiane Wasfy, Switzerland's Markus Stern, European Union Ambassador Jan de Kok and Portugal's Sammy Chioson

ROYAL Winds manager Bryan Cobonpue, Graziella Lim, SIA/Silkair manager Geoffrey Wong, Miluz Rivera and Gidget Diaz

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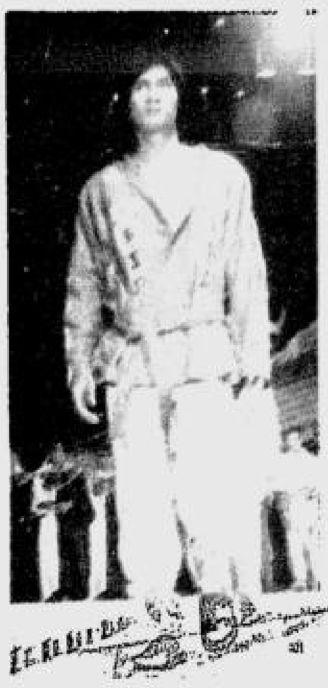

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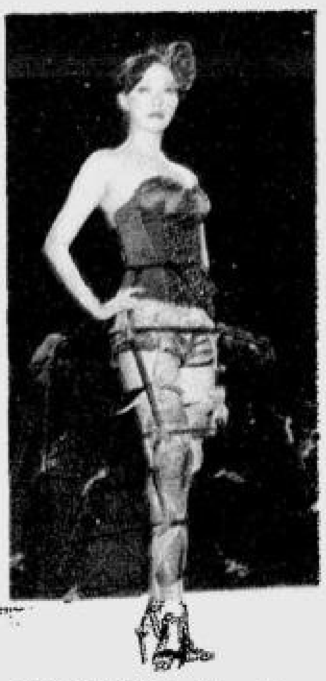
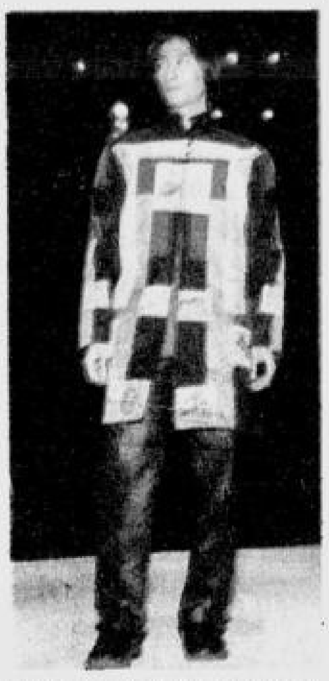


SHOWGIRL'S dustier with skeleton skirt



SAN Diego's stylized Barong Tagalog

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ASYMMETRICAL evening gown with ruffles

From page E6

The finale was a tour de force performance by the UP Concert Chorus of well-loved gospel music. It was in this portion where San Diego unfurled his theatrical designing whimsies. Taking inspiration from the Bible, he presented a fashion tableau featuring his fashion creations for Adam and Eve and the Holy Family.

Reason to celebrate

San Diego has good reasons to celebrate. He has reaped honors in various design competitions, including Outstanding Haute Couture Designer at the 1990 Manila Fashion Designers Awards; the Grand Prix for Best Costume in the Carnival in Rio held in Manila in 1991 which brought him to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Best In Maria Clara in the Manila Hotel's Flores de Mayo in 1993; and the Grand Champion Trophy for Best Costume in the 2nd Artists and Models Ball organized by the Art Association of the Philippines and the Fashion Designers Association of the Philippines (FDAP) in 2000.

San Diego also designed the costume for the theatrical productions "The Little Mermaid," "Rent" and "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." He is chair of the board of FDAP, the largest and longest-running organization of fashion designers in the country.

On the other hand, the UP Concert Chorus is the official choir of the University of the Philippines. Now on its 40th year, it has evolved from a strictly campus choir to a world-class chorale group.

A veteran of 14 world tours, it holds the record of most number of performances in the prestigious Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland, where it had sung before Queen Elizabeth II.

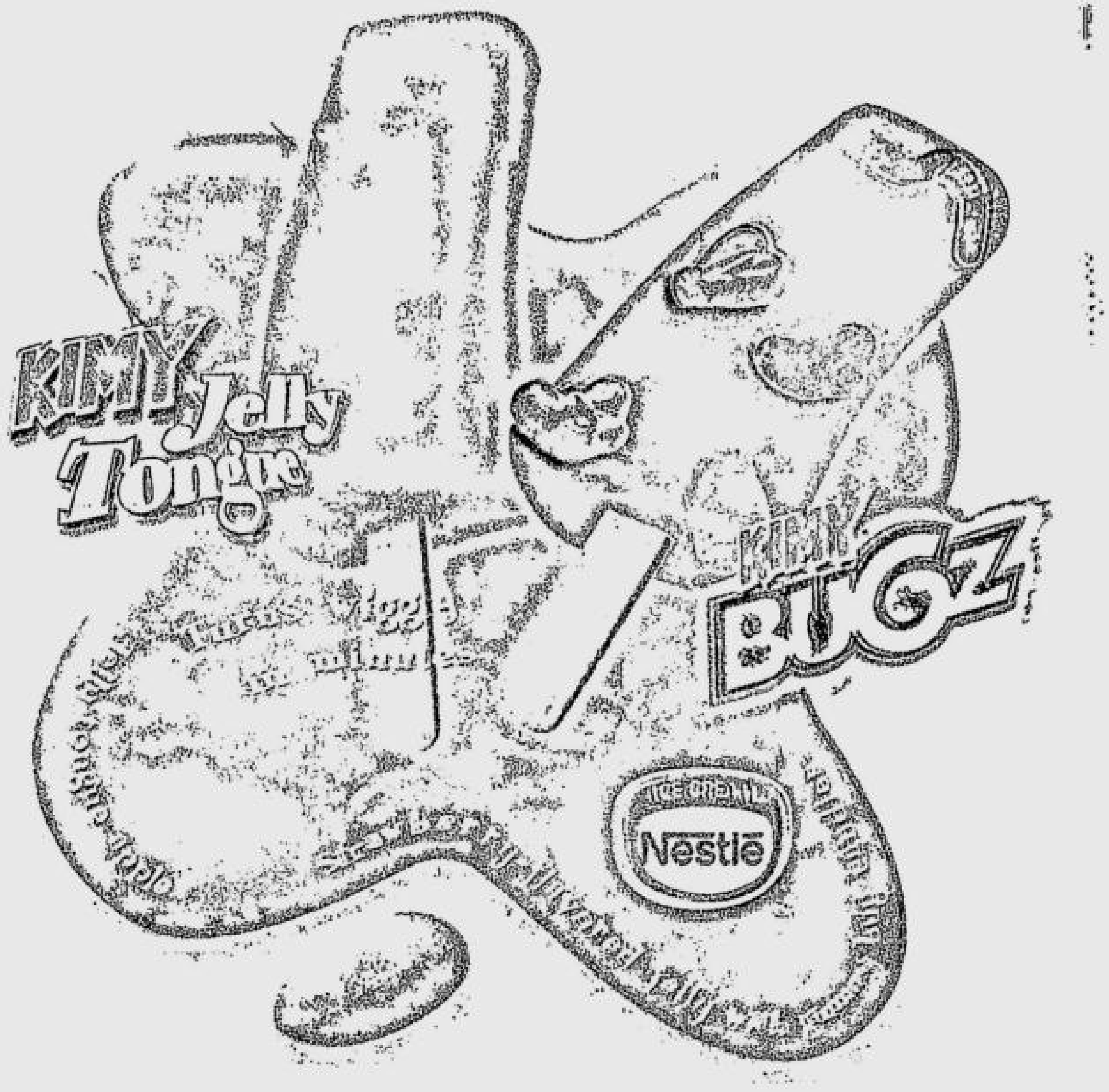
The group was also named as one of the world's best choirs at the 4th Lincoln Center International Choral Festival in New York City.

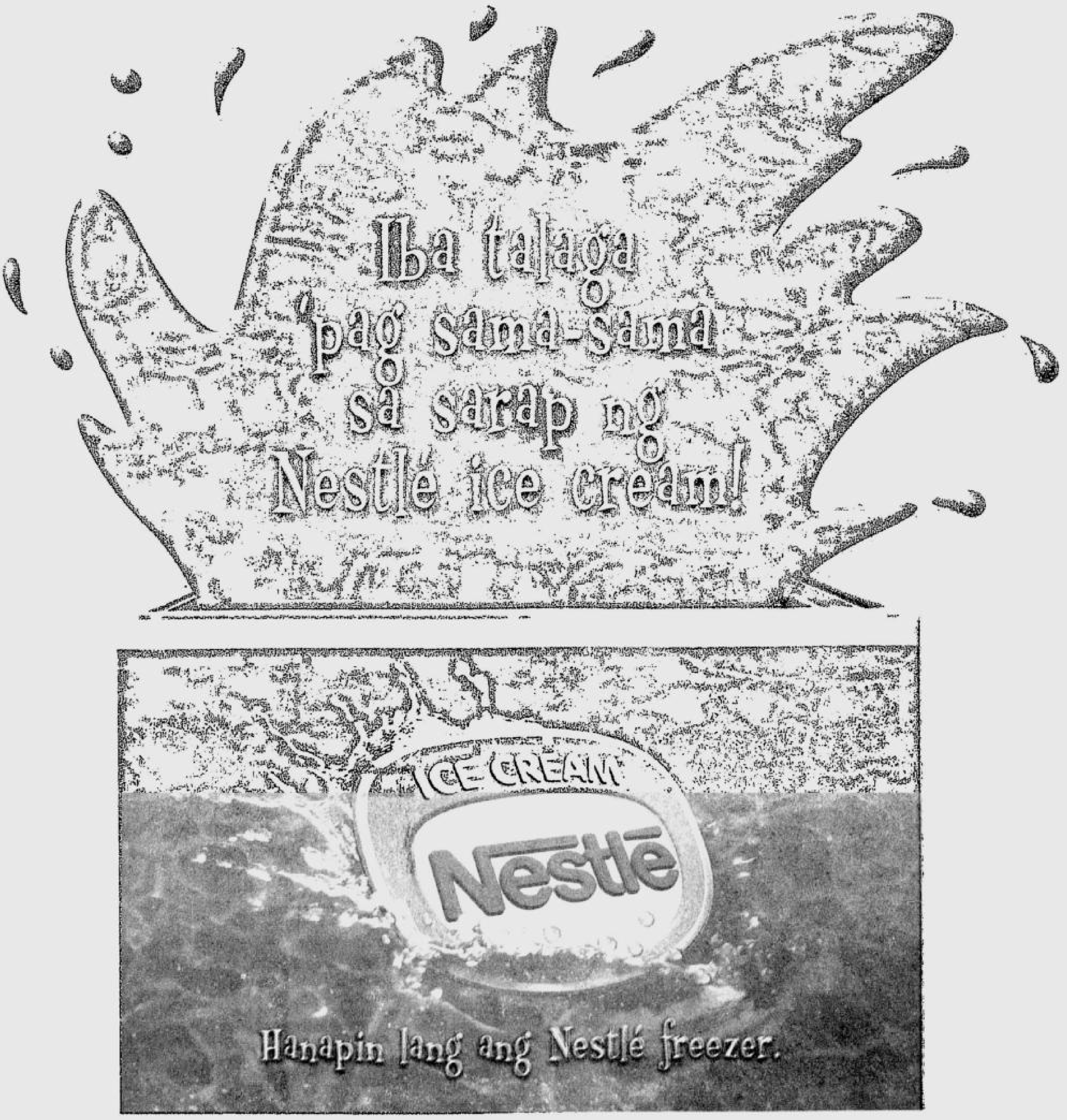
The 2003 World Tour of the UP Concert Chorus kicked off in Hawaii last April 11 and will culminate in Los Angeles, California, in November. The group will tour 26 cities in the United States and Canada and at least eight European countries.

In the course of the eight-month musical odyssey, the group will compete in two major competitions, the Forderkreis Internationale Chortage in Mainhausen, Germany, and the Concurso della Guido d'Arrezo in Italy. It will also perform in two important music festivals, the Europa Cantat XV in Barcelona, Spain, and, for the 11th time, the Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland.

"Disenyo't Musika" was presented by Proscenium Production Company, in cooperation with Wella Koleston Perfect and the Manila Standard. It was directed by Joey Espino, with Zardo Austria as event director.

Hair and maquillage by Deo Cumarat, and photography by Richard Papa and Alfred Mendoza.

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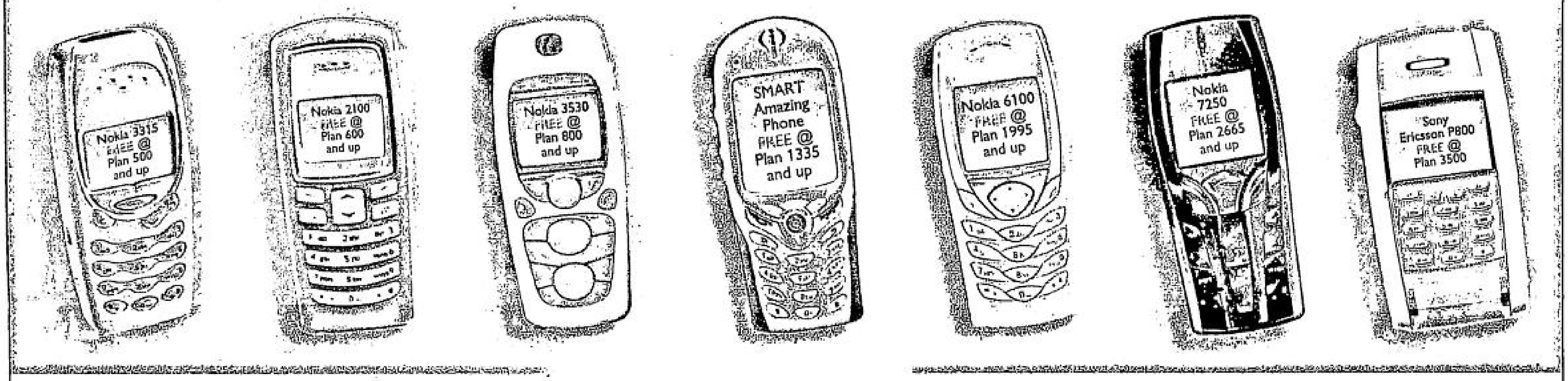
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CHRISTINE Demetriou never thought that Niño Imperial, only son of Rep. Carlos Imperial and the late Norma B. Imperial, would become her partner for life.

They were acquaintances living in Legazpi City, Albay. Niño had his heart set on Christine since the first time he saw her. But it took years before she realized how much they had in common. The romance finally led to the altar, and at 7 p.m. of April 3, they wed at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, with Msgr. Ramon Tronqued officiating.

The couple's families were headed by the congressman and Benita I. Tinio, the groom's aunt, and Antonio O. and Ma. Josefa V. Demetriou.

The bride's gown and the groom's barong were designed by Joe Salazar. The entourage's gowns were designed by the bride herself with the help of Fe Rodriguez and Pamela Buan. Patrick Rosas did the bride's hair and makeup. Invitations and Missalettes were made by Nocky of Printsonalities.

Church music was provided by the Ateneo Glee Club while the flowers were done by Anton Garcia and Roslu/Von Kauffmann of Mabolo. Reception followed at the Rigodon Ballroom, Manila Peninsula.

Details and Designs was wedding coordinator. The 5-ft carrot walnut cake was made by Cake Concepts Unlimited. Photo and video coverage was provided by Lito Sy.

Flintstones and the Gang played during the reception.

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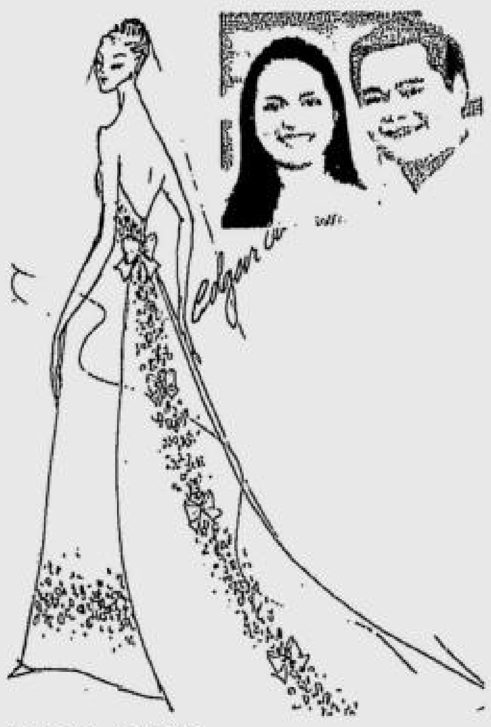

BIANA-ASIDO

James Paul G. Biana, son of **Jaime** and **Julieta Biana**, will exchange marriage vows with **Annette C. Asido**, daughter of **Antonio Jr.** and **Fe Asido** on June 7 at the Peñafrancia Basilica Minore and National Shrine in Naga City. Reception will follow at the Doña Dolores hall of the Villa Caceres Hotel. The gowns of the bride and her entourage were created by **Edgar Allan**. The event is being coordinated by **Celia Cunanan** of The Social Connections.

CATALON-TAGA

Dr. Jose Deza Catalon Jr., son of **Dr. Jose Sr.** and **Nora Catalan**, tied the knot with **Dr. Brenda Tricia Dizon Taga**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Aida Taga**, on Dec. 21 at Monastery of the Transfiguration, San Jose, Malaybalay, Bukidnon. Reception was held at Pine Hills Hotel, Malaybalay City. The bridal gown was designed by **Mimi Parrel-Pimentel** of Cagayan de Oro City.

BAUTISTA-PEREZ

Bryan P. Bautista, son of **Mr.** and **Ms Buenaventura R. Bautista** of New Jersey, United States, and **Lourdes Laaarni Diana A. Perez**, daughter of **Paz A. vda. de Perez** of Butuan City, will exchange "I do's" on June 7 at the Sto. Niño Shrine in Butuan City. Reception will follow at Almont Hotel and Inland Resort. The bride will wear a white duchess satin bustier top gown by **Bongs Enriquez** of Butuan City.

SAMIANO-ASEGURADO

Ramil M. Samiano and **Gwendolyn S. Asegurado** will exchange marriage vows on June 7 at the Saint Paul the First Hermit Cathedral in San Pablo City. Ramil is the son of **Roberto** and **Cristina Samiano** of San Pablo City. Gwen is the only daughter of **Ricardo Jr.** and **Vivien Asegurado** of Rizal, Laguna. A buffet dinner will follow at the Siesta Residencia de Arago in Green Valley Subdivision, San Pablo City.

REYNALES DEBUT

Aizzabelle Rose R. Reynales celebrated her 18th birthday with a cotillon de honor on April 27 in San Jose, Pasig City. She is a graduate of the Philippine High School for the Arts in Mt. Makiling, Laguna and an incoming freshman at UPLB.

PERALTA DEBUT

Hannah Marie Peralta will celebrate her 18th birthday on June 21. She is the daughter of **Emeterio Jr.** and **Noemi Peralta** of Taguig, Metro Manila. The butterfly inspired dinner-dance will be held at Fernwood Gardens, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City. She will wear a creation of **Leonard Co. James Cooper** will do her hair and makeup.

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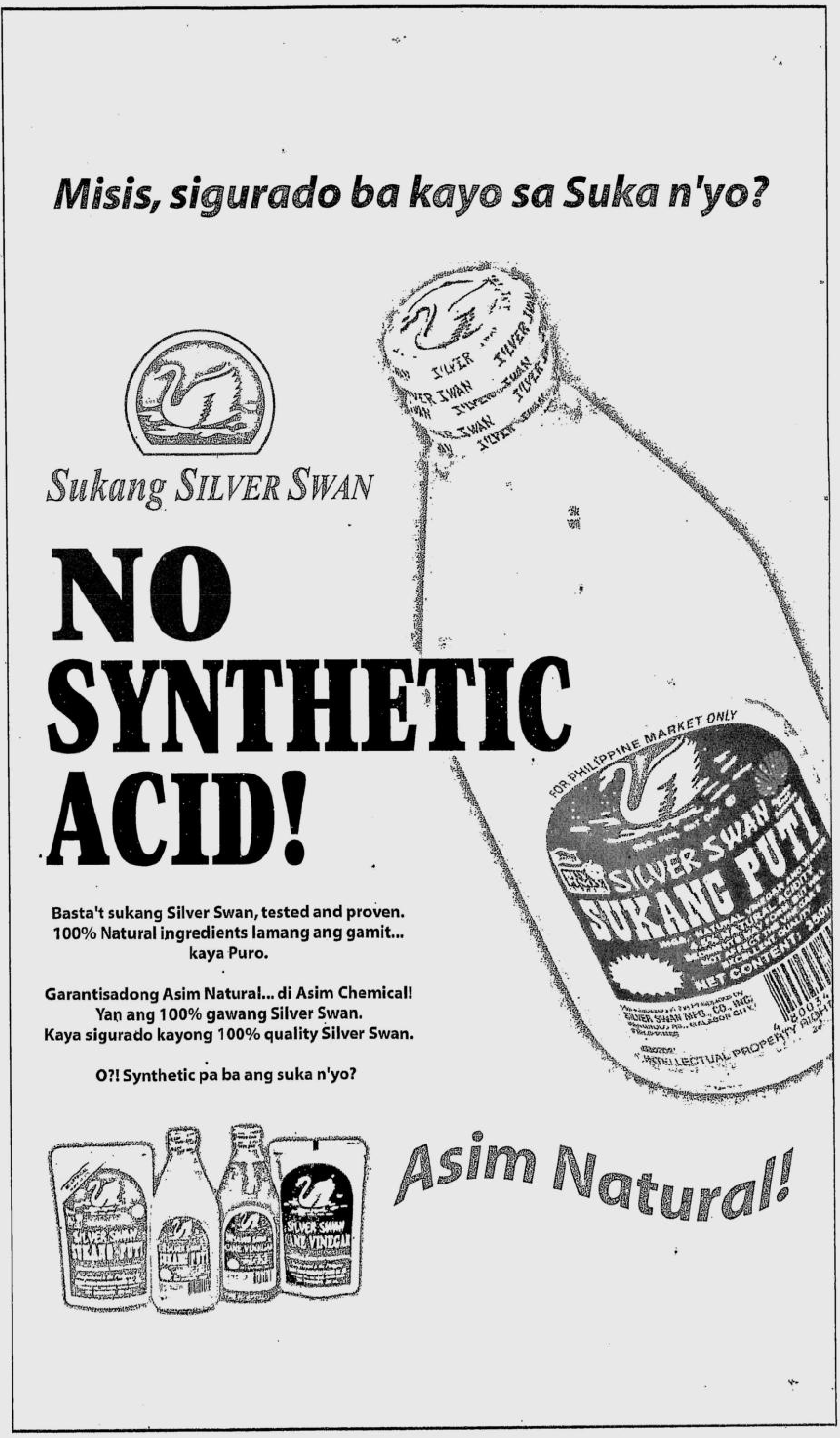

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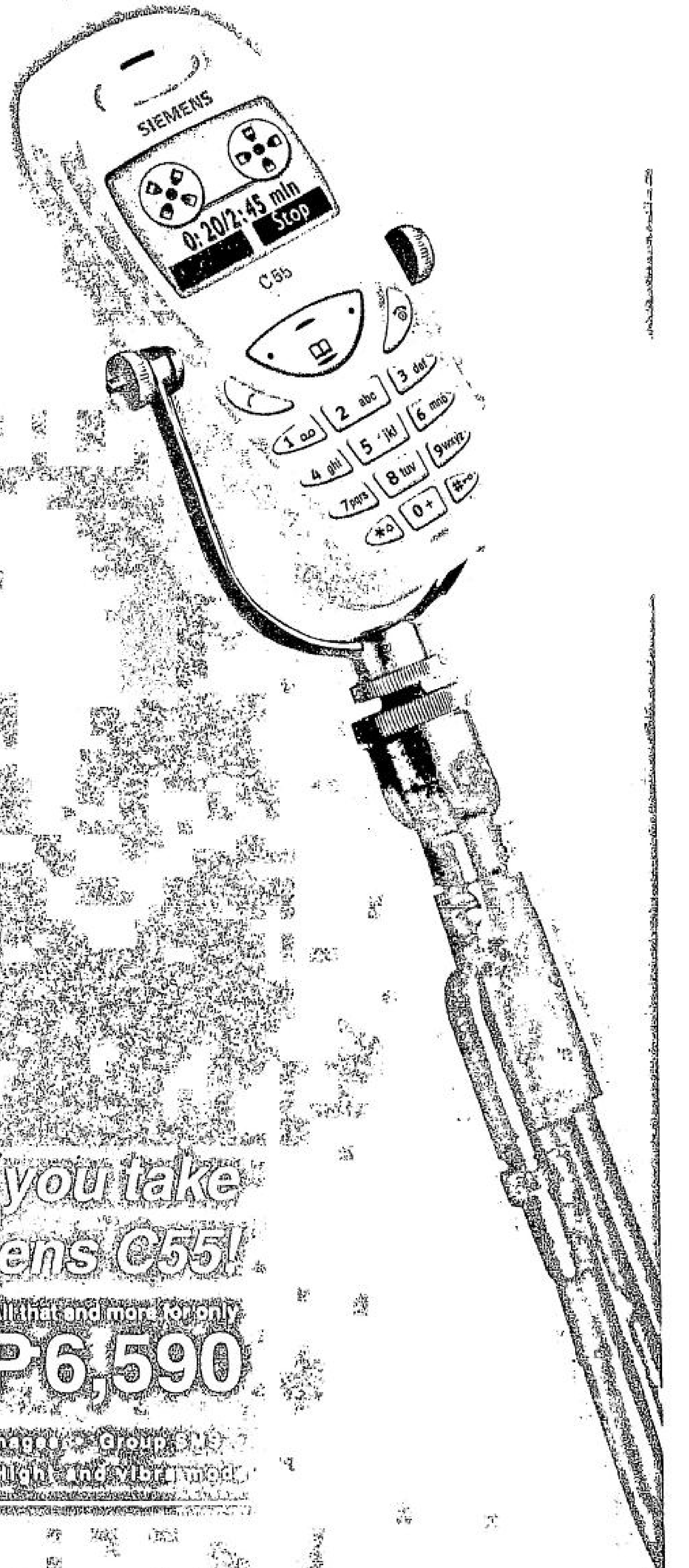

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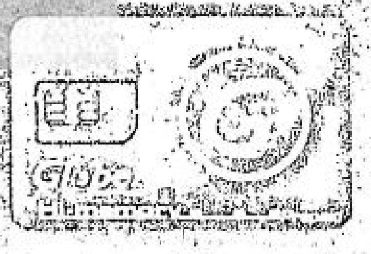

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Diplomatic farewells

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

EUROPEAN Ambassador and Mme. **Jan de Kok** hosted the National Day of the European community at a well-attended reception held at the ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental.

Italian Ambassador **Umberto Colesanti** has been called the ambassador *perpetuo* to the EU since, by the time he steps down, he would have held the post for a year and a half (normally it's only for six months). However, it wasn't his fault; Ambassador Colesanti filled in for Denmark and Greece and will now follow with his own term.

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Diplomatic farewells

From page G1

Thanks and godspeed to our dear ambassador-friends whose terms are up

capable Israeli Ambassador **Irit Ben Abba**, Swedish Ambassador **Ulf Hakansson** and Dutch Ambassador **Theo Arnold**. Rumors are our next ambassador from Sweden will be a lady.

Swiss send-off

Swiss Ambassador **Lise Favre** bid farewell to her Deputy Chief of Mission **Peter Casualta** and his charming wife, Ursula, at a reception in her residence.

The couple have been here for four years, and as they say, the longer one stays in a country, the harder it is to say goodbye to friends like Venezuelan Ambassador **Milena Ramirez**, journalists **Beth Day Romulo** and **Baby Orosa**, Swedish Ambassador Ulf and **Lena Hakansson**, German Ambassador **Herbert** and **Micheline Jess**, and so many others.

We were happy to see **Rosalinda Orosa** singing the praises of her niece, **Evelyn**, who with her husband has come to settle with us after living abroad for 23 years. Beth Day Romulo, on the other hand, was preparing for the *asalto* close friends will throw for her birthday celebration at Le Soleil.

Malacañang matters

Solemn rites greeted guests at the observation of the 100th death anniversary of Apolinario Mabini held at Malacañang Park.

The diplomatic community was there, as well as government officials and members of the academe, including De La Salle honcho Dr. **Wilfredo Villacorta** who, we're told, might be moved to Indonesia for the next three years.

We will surely miss the kind and soft-spoken Dr. Villacorta even if he's looking forward to this new challenge in his career.

DIPLOMATIC/ G3

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PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo at the 100th death anniversary of Mabini

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Diplomatic . . .

From page G2

President Macapagal Arroyo welcomed guests in an elegant embroidered piña outfit that we wish she had taken with her on her state visit to the US.

And speaking of that visit, don't you wish people would stop nitpicking and criticizing like overactive crabs about the benefits we got? Like they could have done better, you think?

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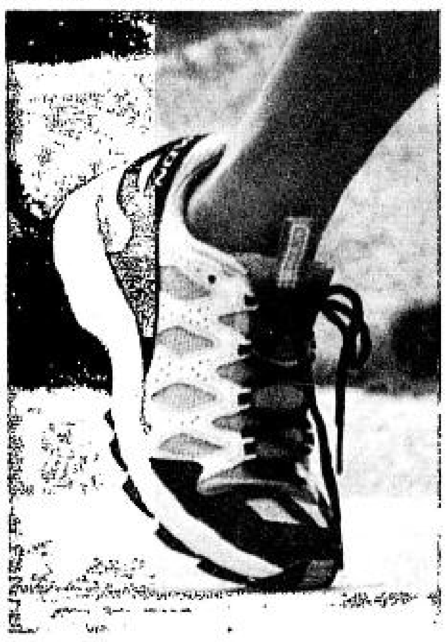

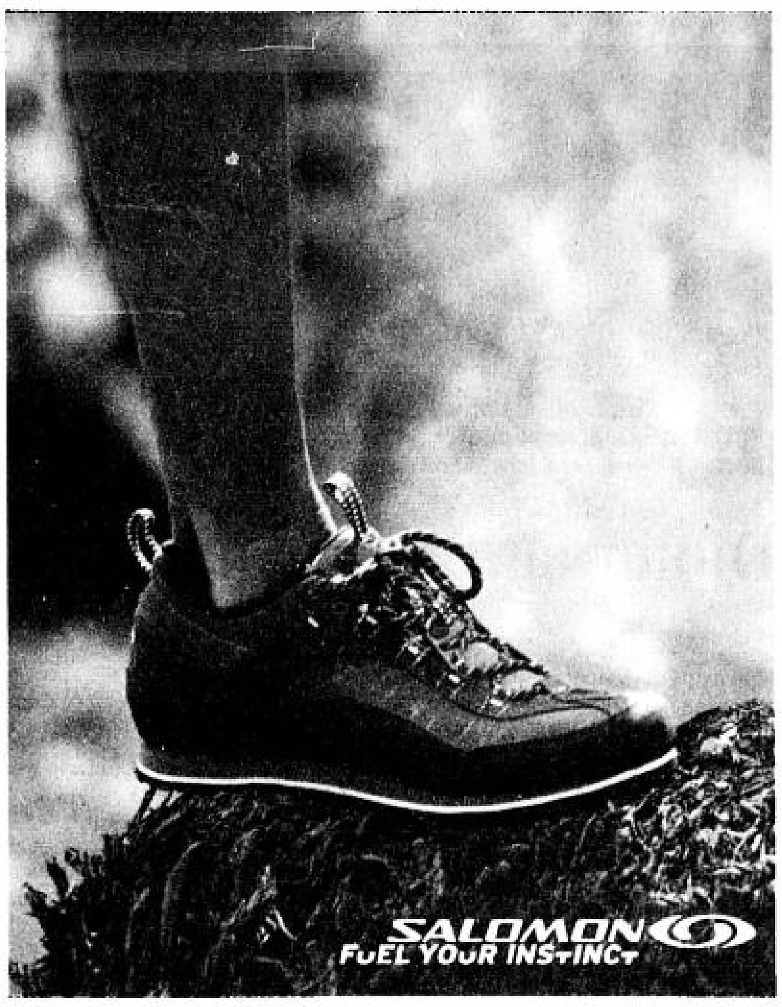

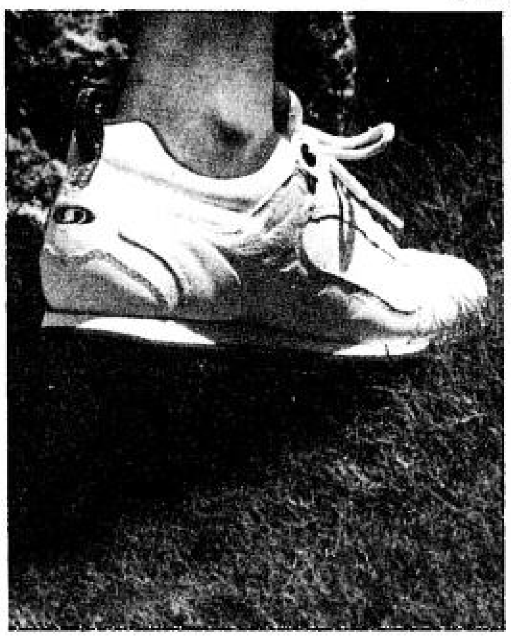
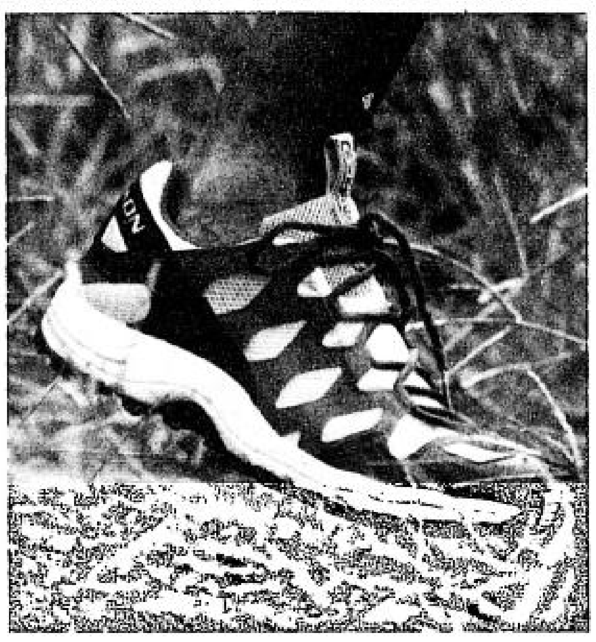
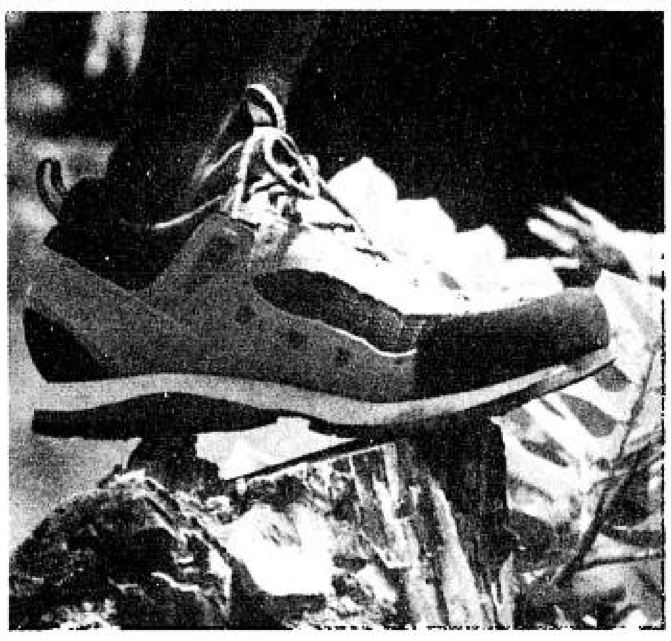

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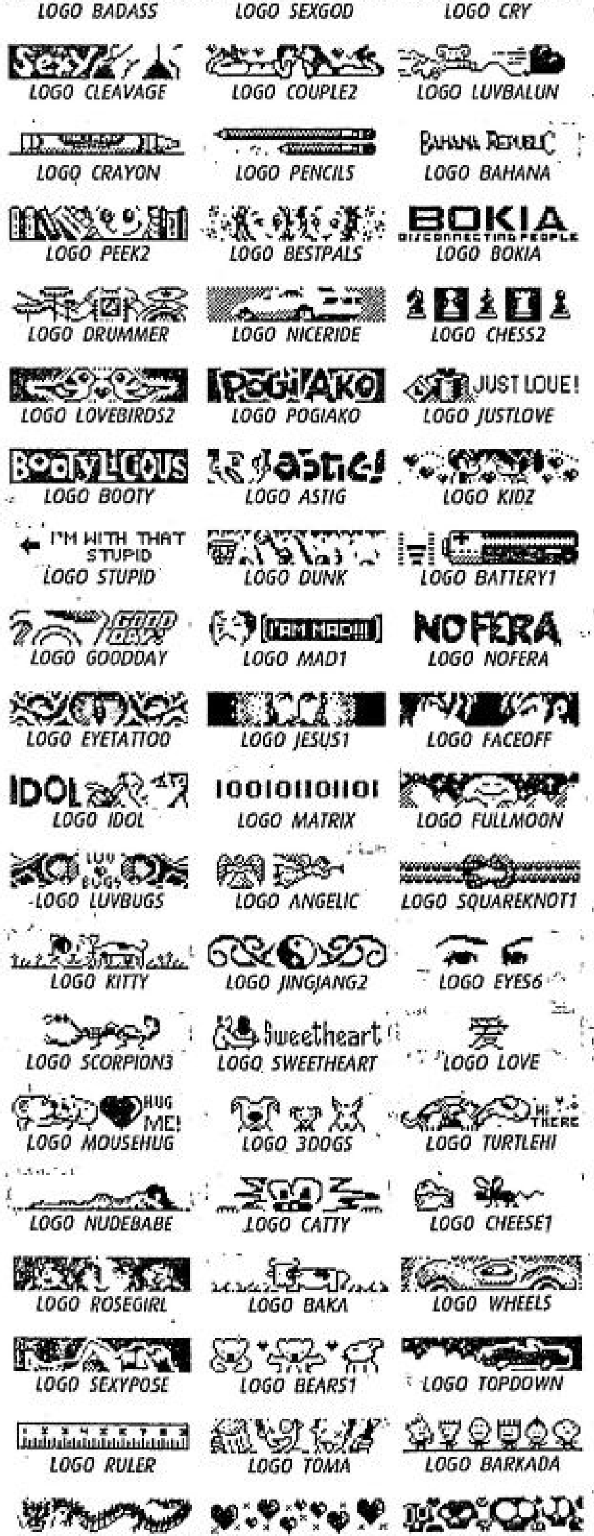
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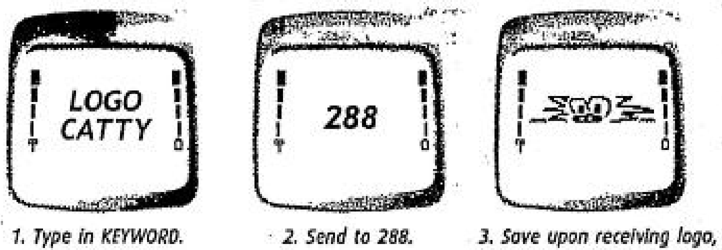

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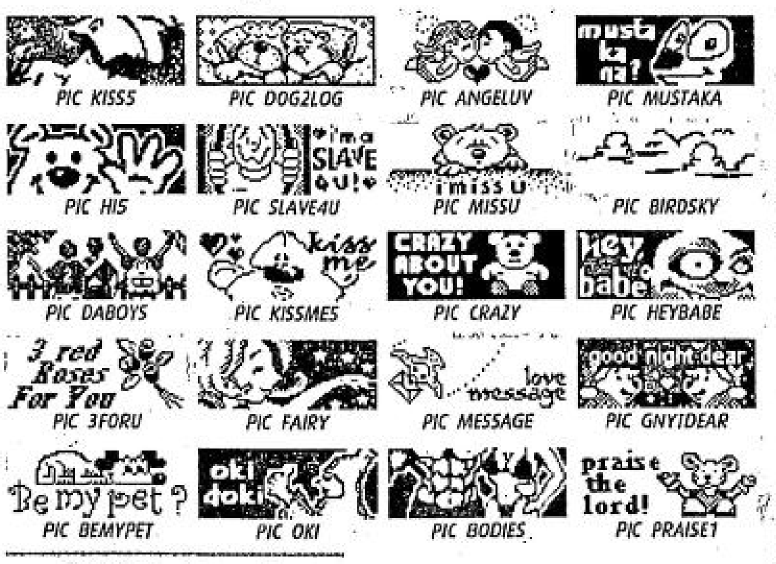
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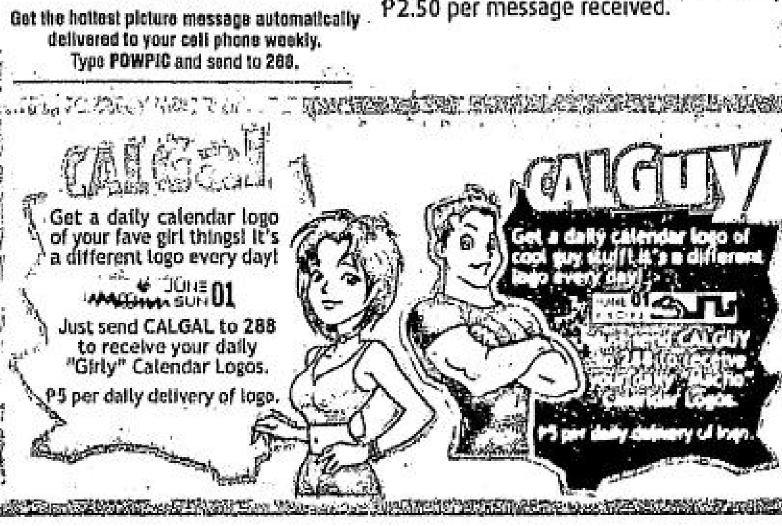

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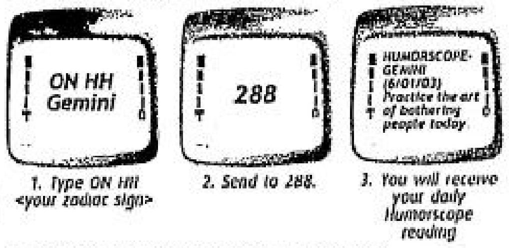
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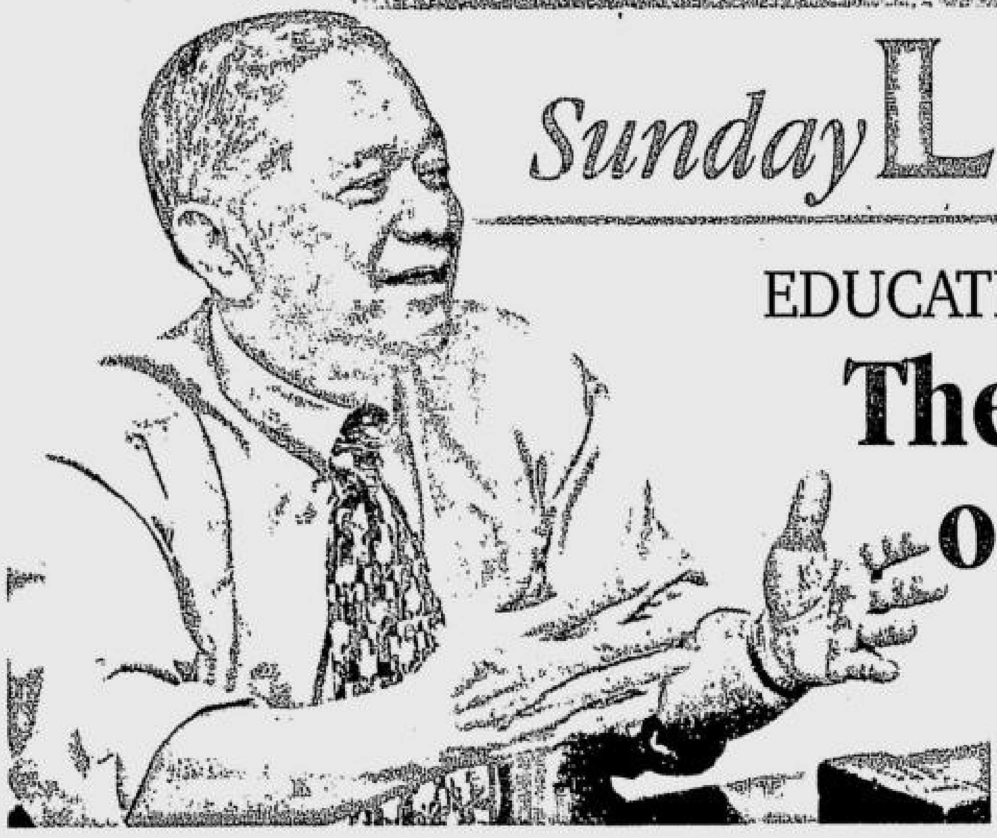

EDUCATION SECRETARY EDILBERTO DE JESUS

The headmaster lectures on a key national headache

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By the Staff

EDILBERTO de Jesus, the yet-to-be-confirmed secretary of education, was reportedly really President Macapagal-Arroyo's original choice for the job. Former Sen. Raul Roco, of course, eventually became Department of Education head.

But, with Roco's sudden resignation, De Jesus is now where the President apparently always wanted him to be.

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The headmaster lectures on a key national headache

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From page H1

University presides over the government's largest department. It offers little comfort that higher education is now under a separate agency. The job still makes De Jesus responsible for almost 20 million public and private elementary and high school students and some 470,000 public school teachers.

Apart from emerging concerns like SARS and shifting the opening of classes to September, De Jesus has more than enough on his plate with the recurring school woes.

But the affable secretary seems more than equal to the task. He boldly stood before Roco's nemesis, the DepEd union, even before he assumed his post.

He has also been more amused than upset by media's misinterpretations or creative interpretations of some of his statements, probably thanks to the little-known fact that he is married to Melinda Quintos de Jesus of the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility.

Are we ready for June 9?

We are as ready as we can be. But, in terms of SARS, the DOH and DepEd are working together to provide the proper information. Though the schools should open officially on June 9, only the teachers and school administrators will have to report on the date. The kids will not have to come because what we want to do is spend the first week providing information to teachers and PTCAs (Parent-Teacher Community Association) on the SARS virus. There's been a lot of misinformation and myths about SARS that we need to dispel. The misinformation travels faster than the virus. (Laughs)

But June 12 is a holiday, and reportedly the President is moving the holiday to June 13.

In effect, we will have the three days for the SARS information dissemination. There are some schools that have been able to obtain expanding assistance to migration so we can do that also during this period. It's not only SARS that we need to be concerned about. There are other public-health issues we need to look at here...

The students will be back on June 16?

Yes. We are also issuing an advisory because the private schools, particularly the Chinese-Filipino schools that have foreign students and teachers, are...

Yes, we were going to ask you that. There are rumors that Hong Kong kids are coming to go to school here.

Well, if they do, then they will need to submit themselves to a voluntary quarantine for a period of two weeks.

So they have to be here much earlier than June 9.

That's right.

How are they going do that, starting from immigration?

They have to submit themselves to the clinic to see whether they have any symptoms, etc. However, that should be caught from the point of entry, but the passport will indicate when they arrive from their respective countries.

Would you say you've gone past the issue of quantity to address the issue of quality in education? Give me a break! I've been here only eight months. This problem is bigger than one person or one administration

How many students are we expecting this year?

In the public-school system, about 17.5 million in the elementary and high-school level. With private schools in the basic education stream, almost 20 million.

Do we have enough classrooms?

Not as many as we would like to have, but we may do with what we've got. Unfortunately the budget this year does not provide for additional teacher positions.

Is that the reason there's a shortage of teachers? But what about complaints that our teachers are inferior?

Oh no, no. It's the budget. I mean, our teachers are very good if you have the resources to pay for them.

So, you would have the same number of teachers this year as you had last year, which is how many?

470,000.

And what would be the ratio of teachers to students?

It varies. I'm giving you data that are reported to me. I think we need to do some work in cleaning up the database and, hopefully, when we get things computerized before the end of the year, we will be in a better position to do that. We need to look more closely at the figures because, if you just take a look at the aggregate levels, then it looks like our ratio is good enough. It's less than 40:1, except that when you disaggregate from the national going down to the region, the province and the school level, then the imbalances show. More particularly in the public high schools, you have classes that have 80, 90, 100 students, to the point where the schools are already going on two to three shifts.

There are places where there are few teachers and more students?

There are two problems here. At the high-school level, the problem is, we have to cope with the migration of students from private to public high schools, which has been happening over the last 10, 15 years, when the government said high-school education would be free.

So, the basic elementary education enrollment is increasing at the rate of 2-3 percent. Enrollment in the public high school is increasing at the rate between 5 and 6 percent. So, it's not being driven by demographics, it's being driven by this migration from private to public.

That's why, what we have been trying to do in this area is to push the Gaspe program (Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education). Basically it's a system that allows the government to pay a subsidy to students in private high schools so that they can afford to stay there.

Unfortunately the problem here is that the subsidy is only P2,500 a year and you know how tuition has been increasing in private schools. In the provinces, they can get tuition fees at the rate of 18-22 percent. I made a proposal, which was accepted in principle by the Neda board, that we should expand the program. No. 1, by raising the subsidy to at least P4,000.

If you raise it to P4,000 it's still a far cry from 18 or 20 percent. But, on the basis of marginal costing, *baka puwede na* because private schools are really suffering. They're seeing the students leave and they don't pay the teachers as much, so the incremental cost may be able to support the subsidy. And, if you raise it to P4,000, the government is still ahead because it cost us, in 1999, P5,300 for every high-school student.

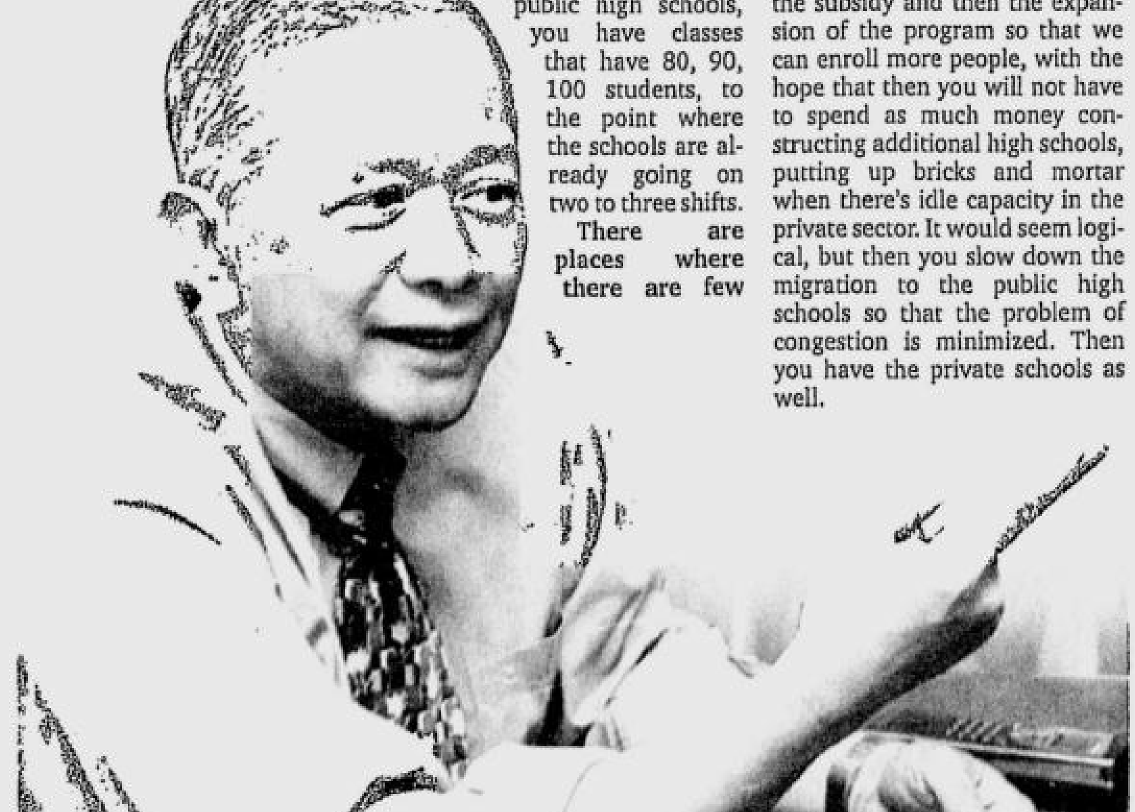
Why don't you raise it then to P5,000?

We may have to raise it to P5,000 eventually. We've also asked DepEd that there should be a periodic increase in the subsidy before inflation because the system will not work if you expect the students to make up the differential between the subsidy and the tuition fee. It's so much easier to just walk away and go to the nearest public high school, which is supposed to be completely free.

Is there going to be a socialized scheme so that those who can afford to send their kids to private school need not apply for the subsidy?

Actually what happened is that the schools, particularly in the provinces which are not charging as high a tuition as the better-known schools, they apply with Gaspe, and the one that's helping us is Fape (Fund for Assistance to Private Education). They accredit schools, they make sure that the students are really enrolled and that schools are not charging the students—all those sorts of things. Then they monitor the progress of the kids.

We are asking for the raise of the subsidy and then the expansion of the program so that we can enroll more people, with the hope that then you will not have to spend as much money constructing additional high schools, putting up bricks and mortar when there's idle capacity in the private sector. It would seem logical, but then you slow down the migration to the public high schools so that the problem of congestion is minimized. Then you have the private schools as well.



There's actually a pragmatic consideration. It doesn't seem logical to construct more public high schools when you don't have a budget for teachers. I mean, that's the other problem we are facing. The private schools already have the infrastructure, the staff, and so forth. But there's also a philosophical issue—do you really want to kill off private education within the basic education system? If the trend continues where the government keeps putting up more and more public high schools, the private sector will not be able to compete and then you will be left with a very thin slice of a few very elite private schools in the basic education system and all the rest of the public. Do we want that?

Isn't that the case in other countries?

The interesting thing in other countries is that they started with all public schools and now they're moving to open the way for private sector enrollment. This is not only at the tertiary level, but even at the secondary level. Even countries like China and India are finding out that the government cannot carry it all. And even in Europe and the US, the trend is for greater private-sector involvement and, in fact, you have market-based education institution going really for the profit and that's accepted in the US.

Is [free education] the main reason for the loss of fortune of the private school, and not the increase of tuition fee?

Yes, it looks like that.

And not because the parents find the public schools improving?

Well, if you look at the best public high schools, you can compare the products to the best private high schools and they will be competitive.

Which are the best?

Usually, the regional science high schools and some selected schools in the Metro areas because they are able to put in more resources.

Do they also get private help?

They do to some extent. Take the Cebu Science High School, which I visited recently. I'm quite impressed with the quality of education and the performance of the students. You know, they have an application list of 400 for the first year and they accept only 160 after two sets of entrance exams so that they are able to control the quality and numbers.

You don't have that kind of flexibility in the rest of the public-school system. When the 500 come, you take them; when 1,000 or 2,000 come, you take them. That's why you end up with these circumstances.

But the science schools get their funding separate from the rest of the public schools.

They get assistance also from DOST (Department of Science and Technology).

But these science schools are only a drop in the bucket.

Exactly. The main policy dilemma for the country is that we have always spoken of the need for universal quality education. In situations where resources are limited, universality and quality are competing objectives. So far, the strategy of the country has been access [to education], rather than quality [education]. So, we have increased our participation rate. Our participation rate at the elementary levels is something like 96 or 97 percent; the secondary level about 75 percent.

How about the dropout rate?

There's a problem there because only about 70 percent of those who start Grade 1 finish. Still, the emphasis has been allowing more and more students to enter grade school and high school and we have succeeded there. But now the issue is: Are they getting the kind of education that is adequate so that they can leave school and be productive citizens, or at least even be ready for college?

Isn't that what the new curriculum is supposed to do?

No, not really. I'm talking about the larger issue of access versus quality. All the initiatives thus far have been to promote access. As I said, you cannot have both at the same time if you don't have the resources. They are competing against one another.

What happened when high school was made free was, you reduced the amount of support for elementary education. Just what used to be divided by six is now divided by 10. Therefore, the basic elementary education suffered. Private high-school education suffered because they lost their students. And now, public high-school education is suffering because it was not equipped to cope with the migration. All the system elements suffered in a negative way.

'The main policy dilemma is universal quality education. But in situations where resources are limited, universality and quality are competing objectives'

Is that also the reason nobody's talking about Grade 7 anymore?

That has always been the issue for the last 40 or maybe 50 years. We have been told that a 10-year basic-education stream is not adequate. In the region, only Burma and the Philippines have a 10-year basic education system. Laos has 11; the others have 12. Those who are following the British system would have 14 before they go to university.

We still have a 10-year cycle and, we've been told it is not sufficient, particularly now [that] there is so much expectation about what students should learn. But the knowledge has also been expanding. There are more requirements. I'm glad I'm no longer a student (laughs).

Now if you don't have computer education you cannot compete.

Exactly.

Can't we use this new technology to improve access and quality at the same time?

Access and quality require support and resources. That's why every year we complain about not having enough classrooms and teachers. Textbooks—we will be able to make a major dent on the problem. We bidded out something like P1.3 billion before the year ended, for additional textbooks, and that's about 35 million textbooks.

How about delivery?

On the procurement side, I think we've done well. We've cleaned up the procurement process so that prices over the last few years have dropped to 30-50 percent. The cheating happens in the delivery end. That's why we're involving all kinds of groups—Transparency International, Namfrel, PTCAs. We've been telling everybody, "Look, this is what you're supposed to get and this is the period when you're supposed to get it." So, now they can monitor.

Here is a problem that has not really been the focus of attention. I found that myself only when I started visiting schools around October. I came in on Sept. 16, 2002. There is a problem of shortage of books... I mean, physically there are not enough books for the classroom. Sometimes two or four students have to share one book.

Surprisingly, what we found out was that even when there was physically one book for every student, it was not necessarily the same book. One class would have

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three or four different titles. Can you imagine that? A teacher can't go into a classroom and say, "Open your books to page 20" because you have four different page 20s. (Laughs)

How did that happen?

Two things. One is, again, budget constraint. In a given budget here, we cannot provide all of the books the schools will need. Say, we will give you half of what you need so we can give to the others, too. So, you have two-students-to-one-book ratio. But you tell them, "Next year we will supplement your textbook supply." Then the other problem creeps in, which is the procurement process. This is by bidding. The winner next year is not necessarily the one who won the previous year. So, the following year, we get a new title and that is what we use to supplement the supply in the schools. Right there, in two years, we got two titles.

How have you corrected that?

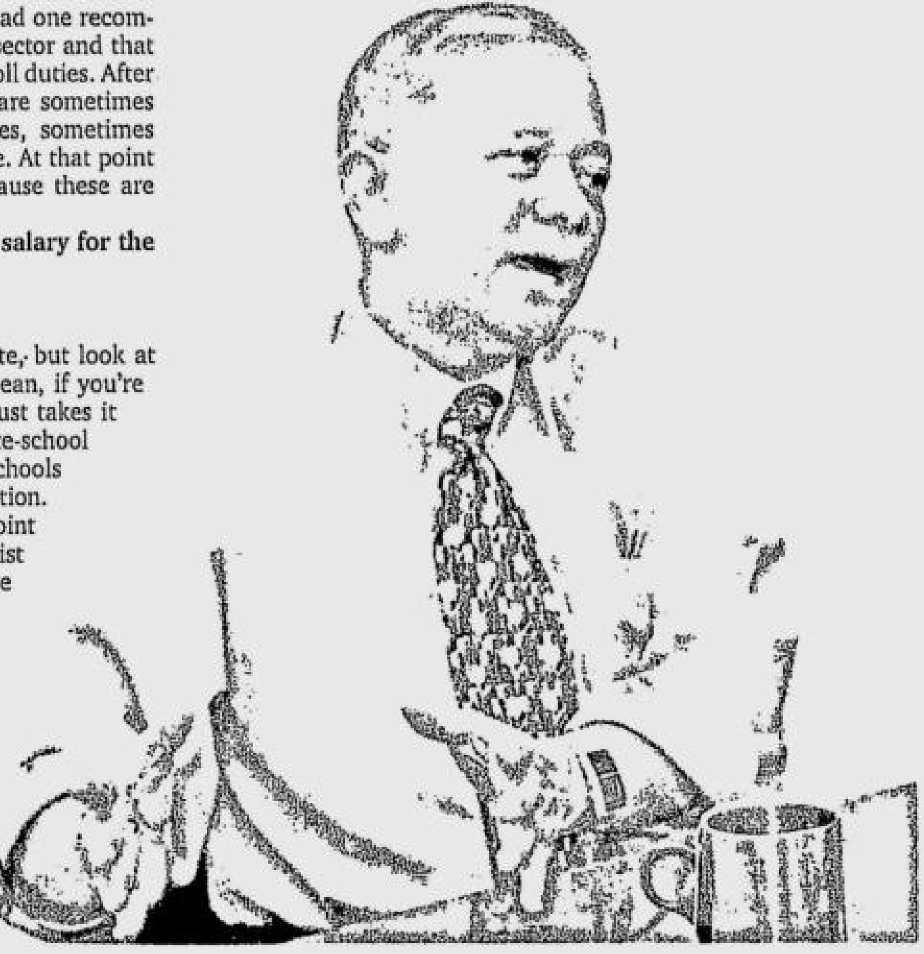
In this coming school year, given the books we have acquired, we will go to a school and say, "Okay we will give you enough textbooks for all of your classes so they will have the same textbooks." And we will ask them to surrender all the textbooks to us and then we will group them according to titles. Some classes, some schools will not be able to get new textbooks, but at least we will be able to ship to them books of the same title.

I've also suggested that we only bid out the reprinting and that we use the textbook that the best private schools are using. I have asked the question: Why is it that the public schools have to have a different set of textbooks from that in the private schools? No one has been able to give me a satisfactory answer. So, I said, why don't we just take a look at what the best schools are in each area and look at the textbooks they're using and make a decision which books are to be used in the public school system in that area?

I've discussed this with the National Book Development Board. Their suggestion was to do it regionally because there are maybe cultural sensitivities that we need to observe in each region, so presumably the books that are currently in use in that region are already sensitive to these issues. In principle the Neda and the President said, "Yes, go ahead and do it."

How do we improve the quality of instruction?

Even before I joined DepEd, I had been involved in that advocacy. If you remember two years ago, there was a socio-economic summit. Former Secretary Raul Roco asked me to join the committee. We only had one recommendation for the education sector and that was to get the teacher out of poll duties. After the elections, these teachers are sometimes sued by the losing candidates, sometimes even by the winning candidate. At that point we can't even help them because these are criminal liabilities.



How much is the starting salary for the public-school teacher?

P10,000.

That's high.

Higher now than the private, but look at the working conditions... I mean, if you're handling 70-80 students it must takes it toll. That's why many private-school teachers remain in private schools even without the compensation. But there's going to be a point where it may be difficult to resist the temptation to leave if we are hiring. But right now, we are hiring basically for replacement, because we don't have the additional budget.

Do you have plans for the refugees in Mindanao?

Yes. This summer, we've developed a program that will help them catch up on the lessons they missed during the period of fighting. I think they had to stop sometime in February, so they missed about a couple of months. We arranged schooling for them that will cover not only the academic subjects that they missed, but also provide some kind of psychosocial therapy for the kids who suffered trauma because of the violence they've experienced.

Classes will also open on June 16 in Mindanao?

Yes. The only thing that will force us to suspend or to delay the opening will be SARS. That's the only justifiable reason to my mind. *Nagulo nga* when we had this discussion of September opening, but you know SWS (Social Weather Stations) had been running surveys on this. They had one in 1995 and in 1999.

> **How do we improve the quality of instruction?** Get the teachers out of poll duties

Former finance secretary Jesus Estanislao has said that the education system has been bogged down by questions of logistics—the number of classrooms, textbooks and teachers—but it has failed to address the key issues of quality and curricular development and relevance. Would you say you've gone past the issue of public-school students studying under the mango tree because there's no classroom?

We've basically been getting the same budget from year to year. We really can't make a quantum leap. But it's going to take a little more time. I'm working on it, but things may not all fall into place. Give me a break! I've been here only eight months. I mean, I'm willing to take my share of the blame. This problem is bigger than one person or one administration. This is something that, I think, will have to be placed in context. It has been a consequence of sustained neglect and we're all to be blamed. If you are to put blame, then put it on those who have been longer in the position where they could have done something about it.

Like who? Secretary Roco?

It won't even be fair to say it's just one administration. The Philippine education system has been one of the most intensively studied systems anywhere in the world. We know what the problems are, it's just that we've never gotten around to implementing the solutions. Maybe to a large extent, it's political. Anyway, Roco had this political problem. (Laughs)

So now your administration is trying to address the issue of quality education?

I think we're on the right track. You know, education is always going to be a work in progress. You're not going to get quick-fix solutions because you're dealing with systems. When you talk of quality, you just can't work on one thing. You have to look at the entire package of elements—the school buildings, the facilities, equipment, textbooks, training of teachers, and even the health of the children.

On the academic end, the revised basic educational curriculum was the problem because people had been given orientation but there were not enough materials, no sufficient preparation. But as they say, that's brandy under the bridge.

Is your cellular phone number also available to the teachers?

We have a DepEd text number, not my personal.

Whatever happened to the luxury vehicles?

I understand the Expedition was sold, while the others were kept because we do need wheels. It would not have been advantageous to sell off depreciated vehicles then buy again.

What was assigned to you?

A Pajero.

An old Pajero?

Yes... Going back to our issues, DepEd doesn't have much resources. We have to source resources from other sectors and that's why one of the things I've pushed—and I must thank the INQUIRER for the support it has given—is the Adopt-a-School program...

When I joined DepEd, I found out that there had been a law passed in 2000 on adopt-a-school. But, again, it lay dormant for three years because the key elements in that law, which was the tax-incentive commission, was never released. We got that released last March.

It's significant to know that the 150 percent of the direct cost of assistance to the basic education system in public schools is tax-deductible. We are really mobilizing external community resources for education at the basic-education level, that's where the problems are. Like the Brigada Eskwela, which we launched last week, the objective is to get

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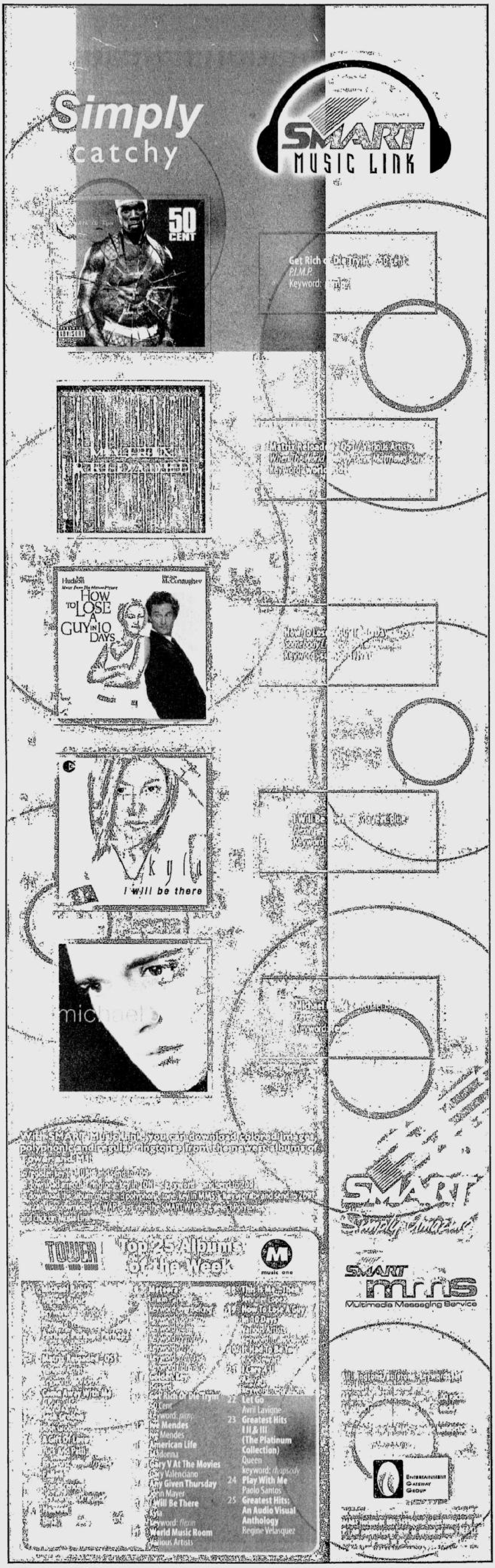

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communities to recognize that basic education is essentially a community responsibility. We can help, but the government just doesn't have enough resources to carry the entire burden. Basic education is too important to be left entirely to government.

To be fair, the budget for education is the biggest in the bureaucracy, and the President has been fighting for it. But, 90 percent of that goes to salaries, only 3.5 percent for capital expenditure, and 6.5 percent for monthly operating expenses. For a high-school student, we probably have a little over P500 per student per year. It's embarrassing to admit that we are not even able to provide the expenses for light and water. That's either being shouldered by the local government or the PTCAs.

When I travel to the regions, my program includes talking with the LGU executives and PTCAs and see how we can continue to help each other. Unfortunately, we have a law that prohibits impositions of any school fees on public-school students. But, we cannot provide the resources.

You see, in the region public education is not entirely free. It's virtually free, but the parents still have to contribute something. Here, we are prohibited from requiring anything out of the parents. So, what we do, we course it through the PTCAs. It comes from the same pocket, but if you do it as school fees, the law would come after you. But if you do it with PTCA, that's allowable.

Will the voucher system apply to special education (Sped)?

Theoretically you could, but the subsidy is so low that you may not get the schools which have the facilities for Sped to accept him/her unless you're willing to supplement the difference.

So what is going to happen to Gaspe?

We've been talking to the high school to say, just accept the subsidy, don't expect that these students can make up the difference. In fact, what we're asking Fape to do is to show them (the private schools) the economics of it, that if they have idle capacity anyway, they just look at the incremental costs *baka puwede na yung* P4,000. Teachers are there, classrooms are there...

Yes, instead of teaching to an empty class...

That should provide some hope.

Do you find that the media are gentler and kinder to you because your wife is from the media?

Not really. Take the SARS issue. The way media have been projecting this issue tends to pit DepEd and DOH against each other. But [Health Secretary Manuel] Dayrit and I have been talking constantly on this issue already.

Have you been confirmed yet as DepEd secretary?

Not yet.

Who's blocking your appointment?

I don't think it would be prudent for me to name them...

What do you do to unwind?

I used to play badminton and I haven't played in a while.

Where do you play?

I played with Governor Dimaporo in Tubod. They have a good gym. I also read paperbacks because I travel a lot.

What titles?

Well, I went back to the "The Hobbits," I've never gone to that series. *Iba-iba.* I also read the "Harry Potter" series so I could talk to my children.

How many kids do you have?

Three daughters.

Did your family oppose your accepting the position?

Violently. (Laughs)

What were their concerns?

It's not as if I haven't been in government before. It's difficult for media and government to cohabit. Well, there are also economic considerations. The pressure of the job would certainly mean I would have less time with them. I was quite comfortable already at FEU, plus I had projects I wanted to push.

Can you go back to FEU after you get tired of DepEd?

It's not a matter of getting tired. It's not my decision. My tenure is up to next June so I have 13 months to go. I'm co-terminus with the administration, and the President said she's not running again. So, June I walk out.

How do you start and end your day?

One of the hardest things I have to deal about this job is to have to field questions from media early in the morning. Since I'm a late-night person, somebody else will be assigned to answer questions... (Laughs) But I'm here most of the time. Meetings take up a lot of time, including the Cabinet meetings and the regional visits. It's a labor-intensive job.

CCBPI president Genaro Lapez leads the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the blessing of the refurbished Coca-Cola Training Center in Sta. Rosa Laguna. With him are CTC head Gigi Rivera (center) and CCBPI HR director Jing Macias (left).

Center for learning and development programs unveiled

COCA-COLA Bottlers Philippines Inc. (CCBPI) marked another milestone in its colorful history with the recent unveiling of its Center for Learning and Development's (CLD) curricula for 2003-04 as well as the blessing of the newly refurbished Coca-Cola Training Center (CTC) at Santa Rosa Plant in Laguna.

The event is a testament to Coca-Cola Beverage Group's (CCBG) high regard for its most valuable resource—its people. The Human Resources Directorate spearheaded the celebration, which showcased the directorate's mission of continually developing the most valuable resource of the company and keeping Coca-Cola associates' expertise and talents at par or better than the best in class in comparable business. With the CLD's new curricula and refurbished CTC, the directorate reaffirms its commitment to leave no stone unturned to ensure Coke employees' readiness and agility to meet the challenges and requirements of the business today and in the future.

Leading the ribbon cutting during the event were CCBPI president Genaro V. Lapez, and HR director Jing N. Macias. Inside the CTC, a mural depicting the evolution of the training center and CLD was unveiled. This was followed by a short video presentation of CLD's new curricula and the improvements made to the CTC. The presentation made clear the training center's vision of becoming an integral part of the CLD as it transforms into the CCBG's seat of excellence—a school for CCBG in the Philippines and in the Asia-Pacific region.

Expressions in color

HOW well do you know your colors? They don't just come in shades and hues, they appear in words, too. Here are some "colors" commonly found in day-to-day conversation, courtesy of Conte Art Materials from France.

Red is the color of love and passion. For ancient Romans, a red flag also serves as a signal for battle. A "red-letter day" is one of special importance. To "paint the town red" is to celebrate. If you're "seeing red," you're angry. Don't confuse this with a "red eye," though. That refers to an overnight airplane flight. If a business is "in the red," it's losing money.

Green is life and youth. It is the color of nature and is said to be a healing color. The green room of a theater or concert hall is where performers relax before going onstage. A "greenback" is slang for a US dollar bill. When everything is in order, it's "green and go." The "green-eyed monster" is jealousy. A person with a "green thumb" is good at making plants grow.

Blue is the color of your ribbon if you win first prize. It can also stand for peace, serenity or sadness. If you are "true blue," you are loyal and faithful. "Feeling blue" is being cheerless. A "blue book" is a list of socially prominent people. "Blue laws" are those that enforce moral standards.

Purple is a royal color. A purple robe is an emblem of authority or rank. Careful, though, when someone turns "purple": his lunch probably didn't agree with him. "Purple prose" describes exaggerated writing while "purple speech" is profane talk.

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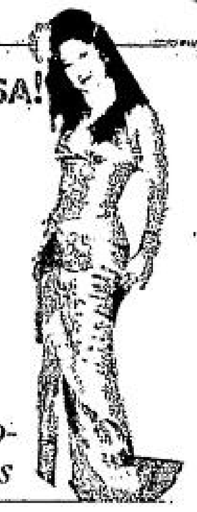

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Tessa Prieto-Valdes

The first and only Rajo Laurel

> He is an innovator, teddy bear and fashion fairy godmother all rolled into one

NOW in his 30s, **Rajo Laurel** has not only arrived but has firmly landed in the local fashion industry and is slowly feeling his way through the foreign market. In between his design and inspiration books, as well as his sketches in his studio, are his Young Designer Awards, including one from Singapore, and his most coveted, the Makuhari Grand Prix Award in Japan.

With a degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, including specialty courses in Central St. Martins in London, he

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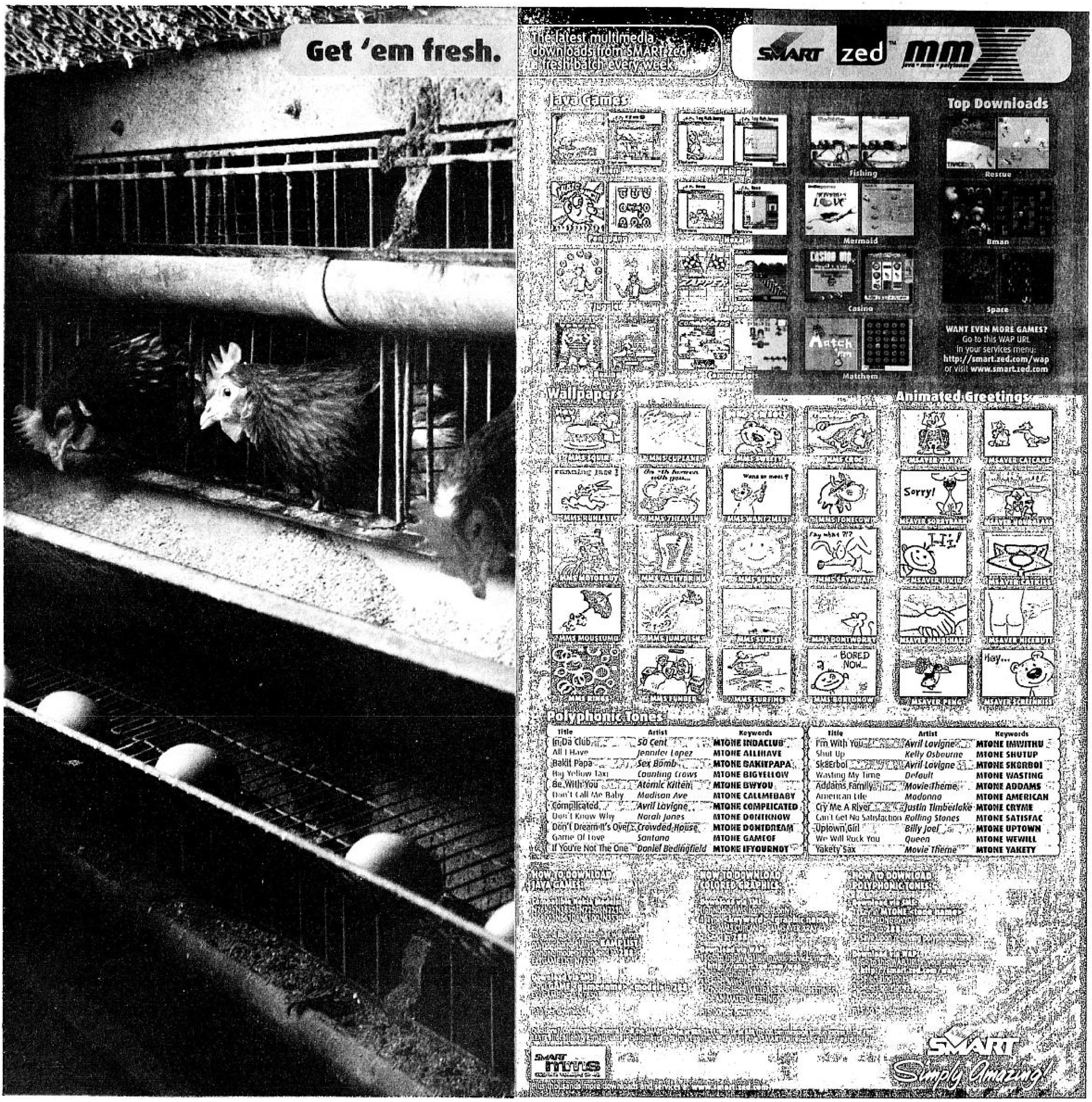
RA RA-JO, seen here with Leica Carpo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The first and only Rajo Laurel

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has perfected his craft and defied the boundaries of fashion.

Although he is a cousin of a cousin (I swear, Filipinos are all connected at four degrees, not even the classic six degrees of separation!), I only heard of Rajo shortly after my wedding nine years ago. My best friend, **Tessa Alindogan** had told me of him; she was having her Medieval-inspired gown done by him.

I later realized a dozen or more guests, both male and female, had also commissioned him. It clearly took a creative, almost crazy mind like mine to concoct those outfits that graced my wedding.

Soon after, I became a Rajo fan not simply because his designs are wearable and interchangeable into different combinations (a feature even my husband, **Dennis** appreciates since I am doing my share in stretching the budget), but he can whip me a knock-out, glam attire in almost 24 hours. And his atelier is so near that I can literally get dressed and go. He is my fashion fairy godmother.

Wacky pair

But my friendship with him is more than the designer-client level. I guess after countless fittings, dinners and partying, we have become quite an intimate, wacky pair. He is my constant concert date since he gets special front seats for being the production designer of concert divas like **Regine Velasquez** and **Lani Misalucha**.

In fact once, Dennis got a text while he was abroad, saying I was seen with another man in the **Michael Le Grand** concert. I was supposed to have been spotted miles away with my feathery hair accessory. I love how Manila gossip starts. Fortunately for Dennis, that man I was cuddling with the whole time while Regine was belting out a song was my teddy bear, Rajo.

The most versatile Rajo gown was the one I wore to the now defunct "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" show when Dennis and I became guest contestants in a charity episode. It was originally my Halloween costume, which Rajo transformed so that I became a Yellow Canary with hundreds of bright yellow tulle, ostrich feathers and a beaded head gear.

For the show, I replaced the head accessory with a diamond tiara so I could look like a millionaire—in hopes of winning the top prize for my fave charity, the Associate Missionaries of the Assumption (AMA).

WIRED-IN during the launch of MyAyala.com

Though Dennis is a "Jeopardy" wiz, the "Millionaire" crew just made it too difficult for us, but we enjoyed ourselves just the same and we were still able to donate a sizeable amount to AMA.

The best part was I got to answer most of the questions, thanks to a code Dennis devised, making me look like the babe with beauty and brains. Well, even just for that evening.

And still a third version of the same gown is when I wore just the top piece this time to our parish fiesta. **Fr. Tony Rosales** of our San Antonio Parish had asked me to host the Mardi Gras-themed "Buling-buling" at the start of the Easter season.

I don't know if Father Tony knew what he was doing, but I think the parish never had so much craziness and laughter.

Popsie Gamboa brought in over a dozen gorgeous, gay Las Vegas-style showgirls (I got their supplier for beaded feather tops and of course, contact numbers for my next party) and even had fireworks in the end.

My Rajo top was a standout, which I matched with a skirt by **Kate Torralba**.

Dressing as art

Dressing is truly an art. But if you don't have skillful designers to back you up with the basics, it's pretty difficult to get started.

Rajo shapes the body and really enhances one's better features. His top sewer, **Manang Lita**, already knows my standard requirement for any outfit: an integrated, padded (cup C) bra. The rest of Rajo's staff are so efficient, he has an empire running with the help of his sister, **Venisse Laurel**. I just love the special treatment I get there with the no appointment, 24-hour-barong-while-you-wait service.

For Rajo's 30th (or 30 something) birthday, **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo** hosted an intimate dinner in their '60s styled yet modern place with Rajo's close friends and a single relative, **Ditas Laurel Marquez**, the younger sister of his dad and the mom of cutie actor/model **Kenji**.

As in all dinners in the Ocampo house, the food was stylishly served on individual unique plates. The whole room was beaming with good cheer and happy memories.

As the dinner progressed, I started the "I Love Rajo" speech and told everyone to share their most memorable moments with the man of the hour.

Since the course was set up with two square dinner settings, we started taking tabs which table gave a better speech. The reward would be free outfits from the birthday boy.

Our host Tina, surely the one with the most fashion brains in the group, recalled her story about how Rajo transformed her Balenciaga gown, which she wore to the Tatler Ball, into a smashing creation. But she said it wasn't anymore a Balenciaga but a Rajo Laurel.

The next Auggie

Leah Puyat also had a designer angle story. She said that Rajo had told her years back that he wanted to be the next **Auggie Cordero**. But Leah declared, "He is not the next Auggie, but the first Rajo!"

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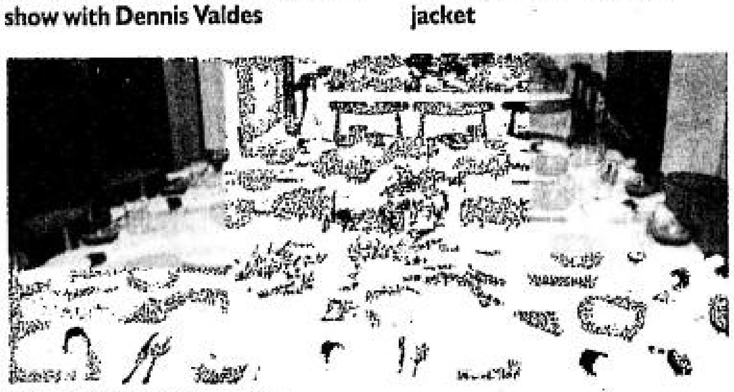
ORIGINAL version worn at Halloween with Jon-jon Rufino

MILLIONS FOR CHARITY. At the show with Dennis Valdes

TIM Yap in designer jean jacket

MAKE LOVE, NOT WAR! At the Star Cruises, Annika Valdes, Alisa Martinez, Hippie Princess and Hippie Rajo

EMPIRE GIRLS. Venisse Laurel with production team



TINA O's fab table setting

JEANS BY RAJO. Venisse, Manang Lita and Rhoda

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The first and only Rajo Laurel

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One of the most sophisticated guests was Rajo's traveling companion, **Josephine Knox.** Josephine has been to the most exotic places with Rajo but her story was the time they both took a sleeper from France to Italy where their numerous suitcases needed a separate cabin. But they had to make do with fitting all six pieces of luggage into one berth and had to sleep around them.

When a designer and a fashion bee get together, there is no stopping them from buying up the world.

The hottest couple in town, **Leon Araneta** and **Karla Delgado**, shared separate stories since they were on opposing teams.

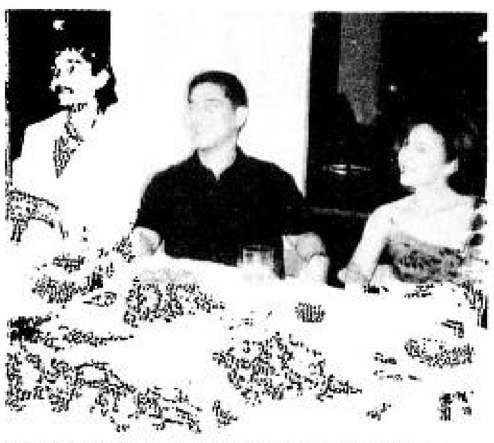
Leon almost had our jaws drop when he ended his anecdote about Rajo by saying that he wanted to make a public statement—that he would order something from Rajo that very moment. Just when we all thought he was building up to order a "special white gown" for Karla, he deflated all our expectations by just ordering a barong. After all that excitement, Karla was almost anti-climactic by simply saying that Rajo gives the best bear hugs in town.

Duane Santos, on the other hand, had a grand evening as we all discovered that it was not only his wife, **Mandy**, who had a big crush on him.

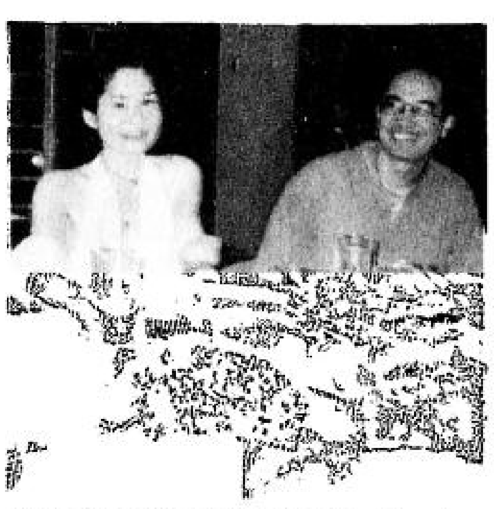
But the best story was from **Tim Yap**. How he and Rajo both have grown to be better friends and not bitter people, always learning from the experiences they have been through. Funny how it all works out in the end.

Now 75 pounds off and with a new svelte figure, Rajo has become an even better person, physically lighter and mentally enlightened. Achieving happiness by living the present, Rajo has risen above tough times and critics in the past.

Now it's time for him to give back and share his talent with our country. He wishes to make Pinoy fashion hip to the world. With what we've seen in the past years, Rajo will surely attain his goal and make us all Pinoy-proud. After all, he is the first and only Rajo Laurel!



SPECIAL FRIENDS. Leon Araneta, Ricco Ocampo and Josephine Knox



LONGTIME FRIENDS. Karla Delgado and Ino Manalo

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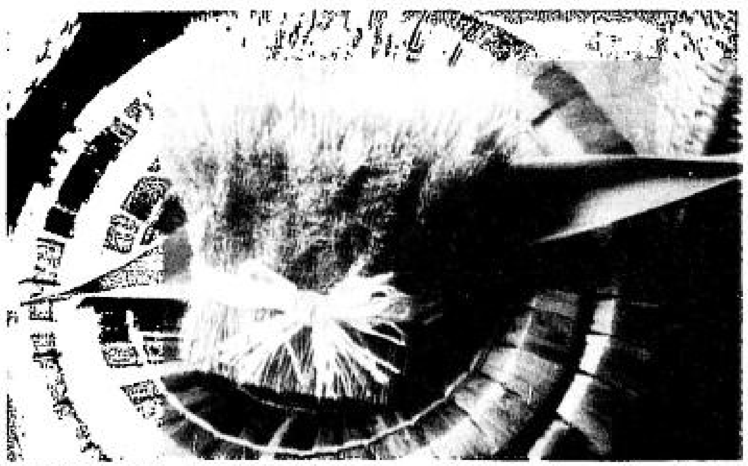
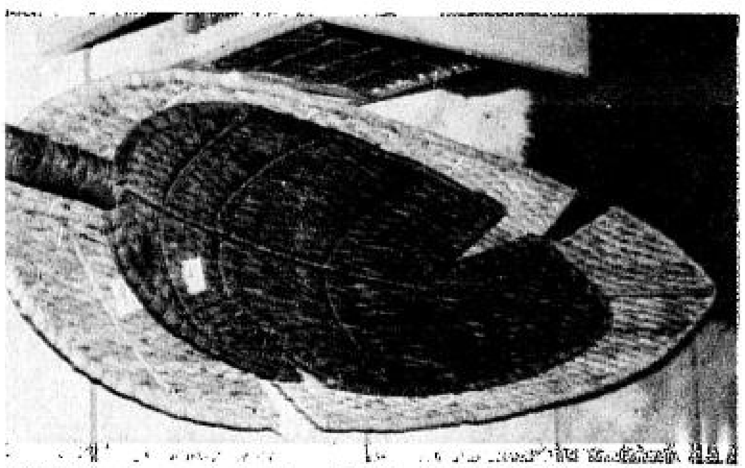
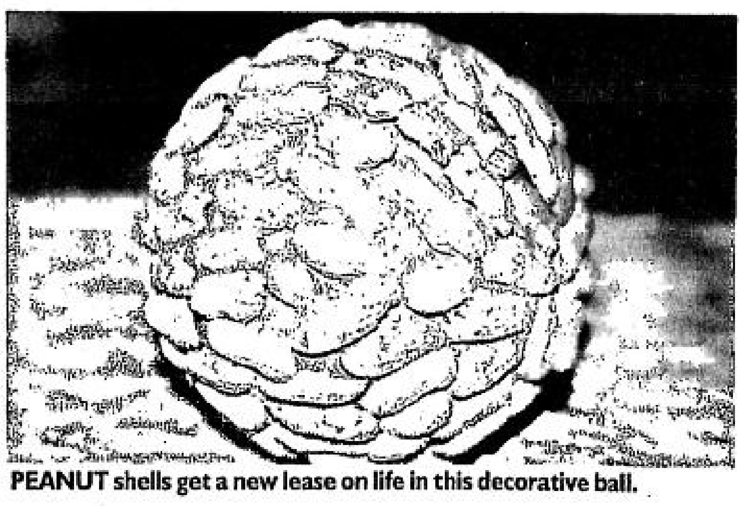

A BUNCH of *lisa-lisa* tied with *abaca* on a basket makes a stunning table centerpiece.


VIDAL says buyers understand that, because materials are natural, inconsistencies in texture and color can occur.


PEANUT shells get a new lease on life in this decorative ball.

Grass is greener for this Bicolano

Renato Vidal makes products that feature fresh designs and innovative use of materials

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

HIS life story sometimes makes Renato Vidal feel like the legendary Nora Aunor.

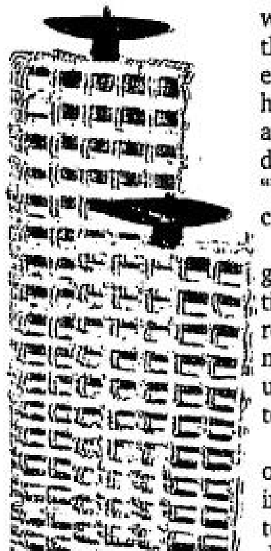
PHILIPPINE grasses and weeds are keeping illustrious company. From elegant showrooms to opulent drawing rooms, the lowly greens are "meeting" some of the world's—particularly Europe's—most recognizable names and faces.

Renato P. Vidal, the person who made this possible, sheepishly admits he sometimes feels like Nora Aunor, the legendary Bicolana who rose from selling water along the railroad tracks to becoming the Superstar, singer and actress par excellence.

Vidal, a transplanted Bicolano (his family moved from Sariaya, Quezon, to Labo, Camarines Norte, in the 1970s), did not know he was on to a good thing when he experimented with various raw materials. Forced to drop his medical studies despite passing the medical school entrance test after completing his pre-medicine course, Vidal went home to Labo to help care for a bed-ridden father who suffered a stroke.

Then his mother asked the fourth of her eight children, "There are some baskets there, why not bring them to Manila to sell?" People in Labo, which, like Sariaya, is a coconut-growing place, wove baskets of rattan and bamboo gathered from nearby jungles.

Vidal took a Pantranco bus to Manila, hoisted his baskets on his shoulders when he reached the bus terminal on Buendia and walked to the then Tradewinds Hotel on South (now President Osmeña) Superhighway. He could not afford to take a taxi and the jeepneys would not have accommodated him with his bulky cargo. The effort got him all of P3,000, a princely sum then, and a rather impressive volume of additional orders, leading the self-effacing Vidal to quip, "*Kala 'ata* pop rice and [the products] just came out."


VIDAL uses metal only sparingly and no synthetic material at all.

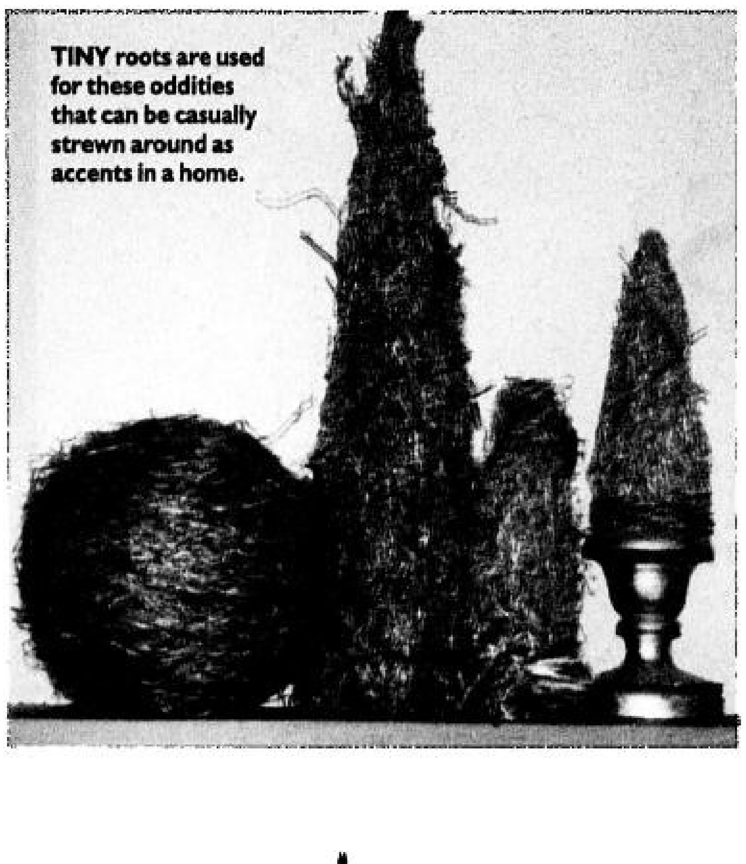
But rattan and bamboo, even then, were getting scarcer that the would-be trend-setting handicraft maker took stock of his surroundings and applied what he learned of natural sciences from his aborted medical education to check out what could be used as alternatives to the traditional materials.

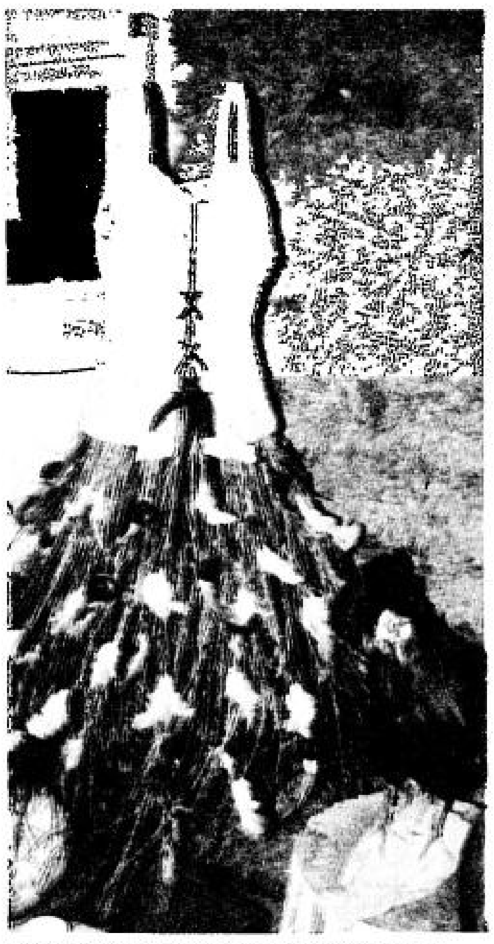
Vidal had also equipped himself with another skill that would prove even more useful in his new endeavor. While still a student contemplating a future away from medicine, Vidal attended a two-month course on Chinese painting by Prof. Beng San, an eminent expert. He also used his stamp collection hobby to study the famous works of artists—miniaturized for postage, of course—like Guillermo Tolentino and Botong Francisco, and paid occasional visits to sculptor Florentino Caedo, who lived a few blocks from where he stayed in Manila.

"*Nag*-hang around *ako sa* galleries and bought newspapers to keep abreast of art developments," Vidal recalled of that time when he discovered he not only had an interest in but also a flair for the arts.

Planting the seed

The new entrepreneur wanted to use the name "Binhi" for his business since he was just beginning. But somebody had taken the name so he called his venture the First Binhi Crops Corp. Vidal started making products that not only featured fresh designs but also innovative use of materials nobody tried before with exotic names like *buntot-pusa*, *lisa-lisa*, *hagnaya* and *pagukpok*. He even breathed new life to waste as he used eggshell, roots, twigs, feathers, coconut, banana leaves.


TINY roots are used for these oddities that can be casually strewn around as accents in a home.


A GOWN worthy of Madonna in bamboo strips, twigs and feathers

The baskets, now made of all kinds of materials, were soon joined by home accessories and Christmas décor.

Foreign buyers, especially Europeans to whom the use of sustainable materials and recycling and reuse of waste have become almost a new religion, took to the new products almost immediately.

Vidal's works started to grace showrooms in Europe, including those of name-droppables Giorgio Armani and Donna Karan, and was noted by the likes of Paula Navone, one of the world's top 10 designers. But it did not immediately occur to Vidal that he was doing the right thing.

"I did not appreciate the environmental aspect [of what I was doing] before. I did not realize I was on the right track, promoting respect for nature and recycling," he said.

Vidal uses metal sparingly and no inorganic material at all. "I am not comfortable with synthetic materials," he explained. He added that the grasses, weeds and other materials he used were not at risk of extinction so he had no problem with supply. To make sure that he did not run out of raw material when orders came, Vidal said before even introducing any new product, he made sure he had ample stock of the material used.

He added that because he used only natural, organic materials, there were inconsistencies in textures and color but buyers understood. A little chemical was also used just to extend "shelf life" to a year or two.

Vidal has the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions to thank for what he has accomplished. He joined Citem's Manila Fame (Furniture, Accessories and Merchandise) International in 1978, laughingly admitting his display was "lousy" as he simply put all his products in his booth.

Award-winning

It was different the following year. He won awards for best product collection, best booth and best product display. One client made a $24,000 order without knowing the first thing about *pagukpok*. Vidal himself did not know what a Letter of Credit was. (At that time, Vidal said, he did not even have a telephone much less a fax machine in Labo so a friend in Manila received communication for him.)

He asked to join Citem's exhibition to the United States, not so much to peddle his products as to realize a dream to travel. He had not been on a plane and had only seen pictures of it.

"I was not offended when I was asked if I could afford the expense," Vidal said. "I wanted to travel, to feel the rocks of the US and the leaves of Europe." By that time, he had already earned enough to pay his own way.

Vidal did not have the clothes and the swagger of the experienced travelers so some members of the delegation even asked him to carry their stuff, which the ever humble entrepreneur did not mind. Still unknown even among his colleagues, Vidal recalled, "*Nananalo ako ng* best product *na walang pumapalakpak*." From New York, he went to Frankfurt, a city he had heard so much about from fellow exporters, and was gratified to see his products displayed in one or two posh establishments.

He remains grateful for Citem's help that even if he does not need to join Fame to promote his products, Vidal remains a regular Fame participant.

Binhi's success changed not just Vidal's life but also those of its more than 700 workers. In Labo, families would have one or two members earning their keep through Binhi. Vidal is concerned not just with the quality of the products they make but their lives as well. "I would often remind them not to spend their money on luxuries but to save it and invest in real estate," he said.

Of course, they have in Vidal a good role model of not letting success change things. Despite the fame and respect his products have earned, he keeps a low-profile and was interviewed only once before more than a decade ago.

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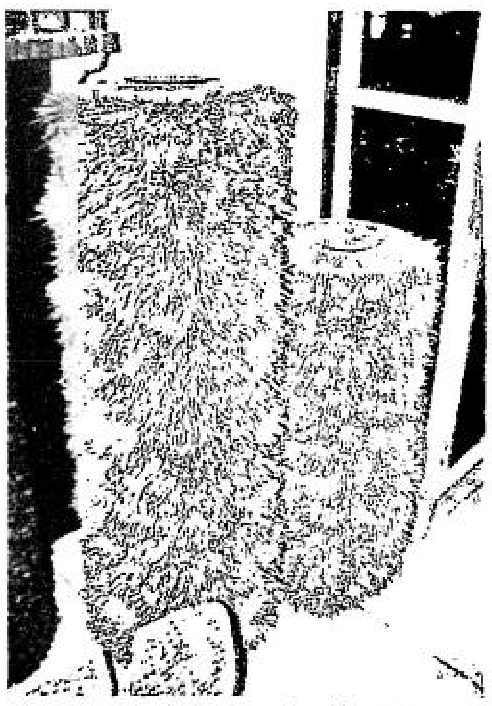
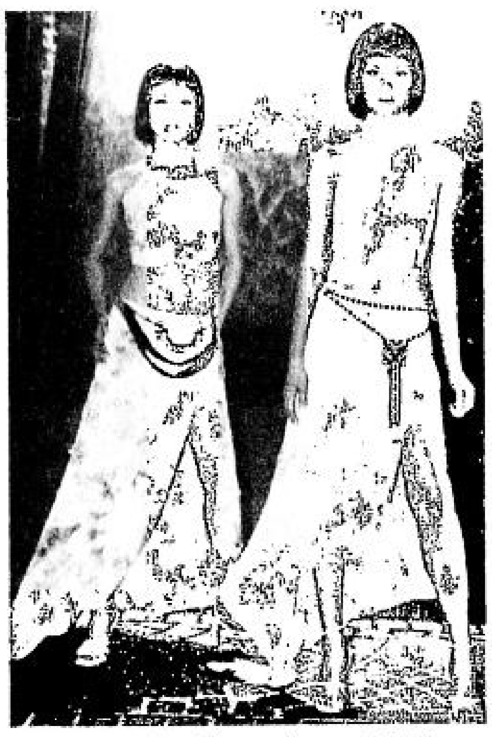

LARGE candle holders made of *buntot pusa* look like carwash brushes.

THIS ceramic-like vase is actually made of eggshells. Black *malunggay* fruits provide dramatic contrast.

IT is easy being green when you are made of moss.

Playgrounds of rich and stylish inspire resort collection



BALI HIGH. The vibrant charms of Bali is captured in these tie-dyed batik collection of cropped tops and wrap skirt that show a lot of legs.

EDDIE Baddeo puts a new spin on resort wear and draws inspiration from favorite destinations of the rich and stylish.

The mystical charm of Bali led to Baddeo's creations of abbreviated tops and wrap skirts in tie-dyed *batik* in all the colors of the rainbow.

Seductive evening finery with diagonal stripes, subdued hues and asymmetric necklines were inspired by the sunset and sophistication of Ibiza.

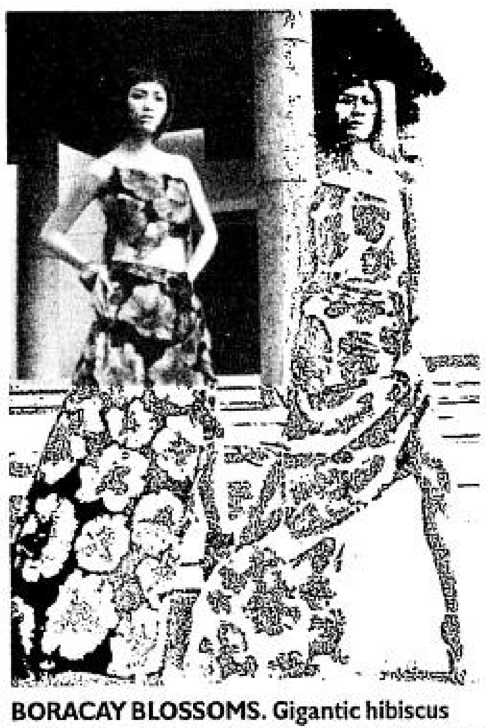
Baddeo expressed the romance and grandeur of Venice in luxurious long dresses. The spare haltered tops are a sensual counterpoint to skirts rendered in the swirls of Emilio Pucci's fluid psychedelic prints.

The designer paid a floral tribute to the beauty of Boracay. Barely-there blouses and breezy skirts are accentuated with gardens of giant hibiscus and distressed edging.

Eddie Baddeo's summer collection is available at his atelier at 63 West Ave., QC, with tel. 371-5843/9384.

VENI, VEDI, VENICE. High drama is achieved with the use of Pucci's fluid psychedelic prints in seductive resort wear with haltered tops and sweeping skirts.

IBIZA IN THE EVENING. Diagonal stripes in elegant muted tones provide the graphic accent to these romantic evening ensembles with asymmetric neckline and long skirts.



BORACAY BLOSSOMS. Gigantic hibiscus prints adorn these two-piece ensembles with distressed edges that suggest daring innovation.

Tropical wardrobe essentials

BRITISHINDIA provides some of the essentials to a woman's wardrobe. Its clothes are cool and classic, stylishly blending linen with other fabrics.

Women are likely to find what they consider essentials like lightweight colored shirt, a white sleeveless T-shirt, a tunic and knee-length skirts. Men can get linen shirts and linen pants, among others.

BritishIndia apparel features embroidery in both women's and men's shirts.

Find more of these ensembles in Cinderella Glorietta 3, Cinderella Alabang, BritishIndia Robinsons Ermita, and the newly opened BritishIndia store in Shangri-La Mall.

ASIAN FLAVOR. On Richard: pink plaid short-sleeved shirt; on Julia: pink tailored shirt with center shirring and purple knee-length skirt with pink and white floral stitching

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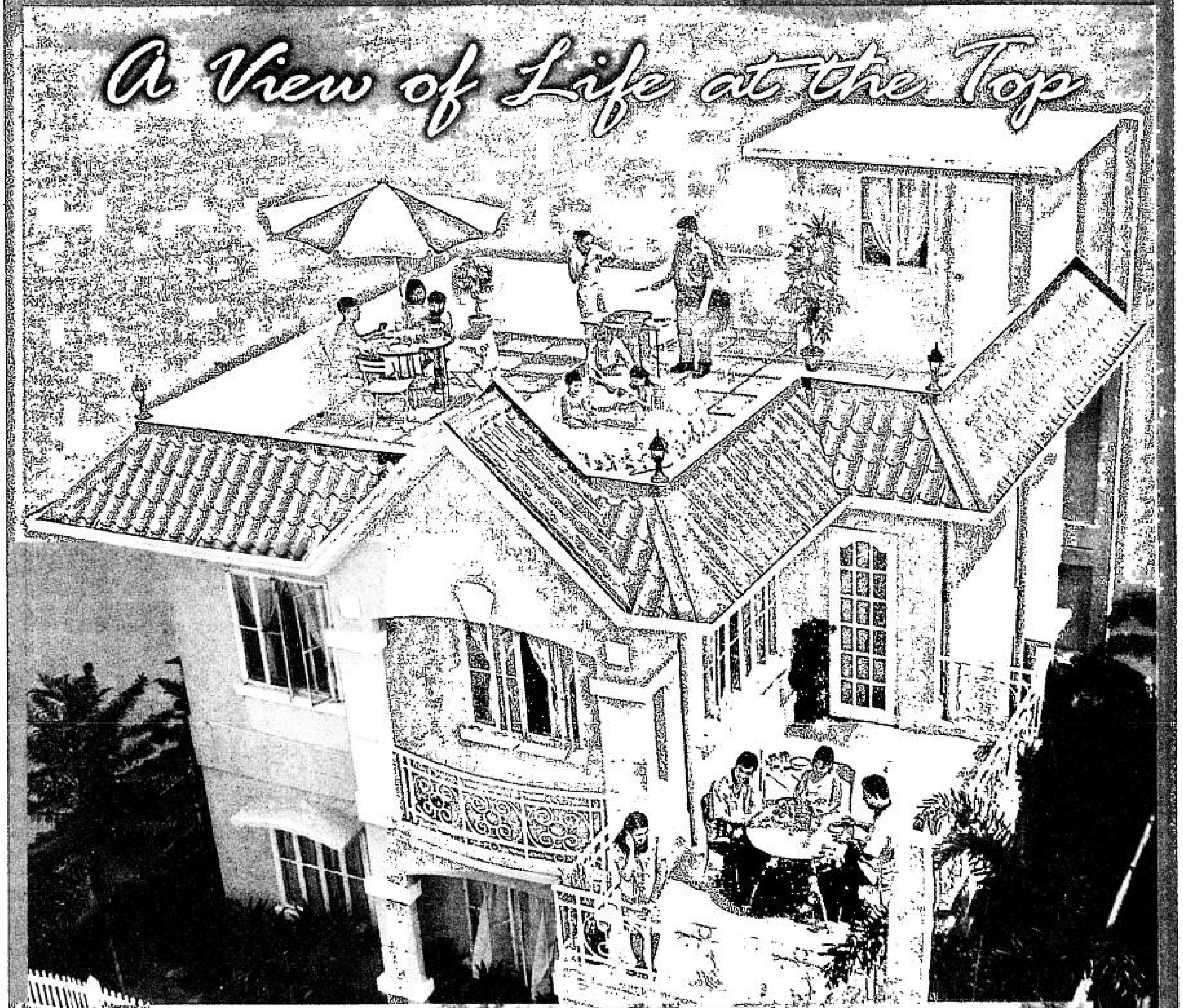
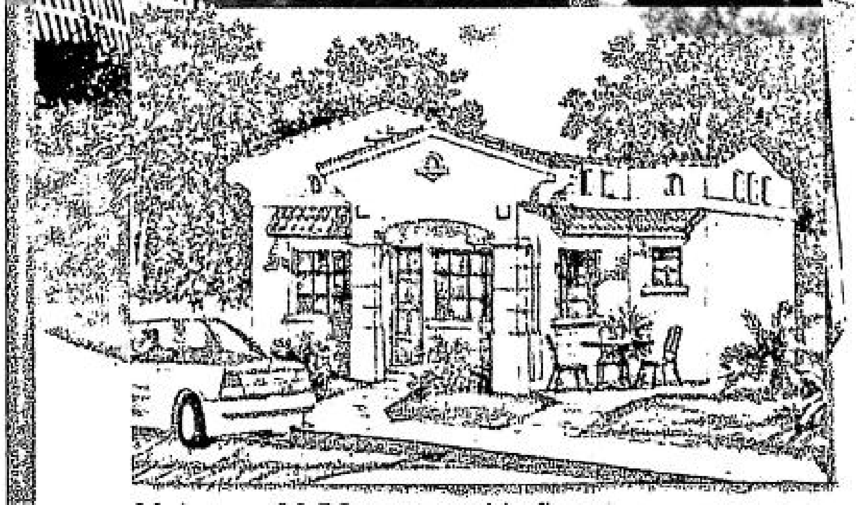

A View of Life at the Top



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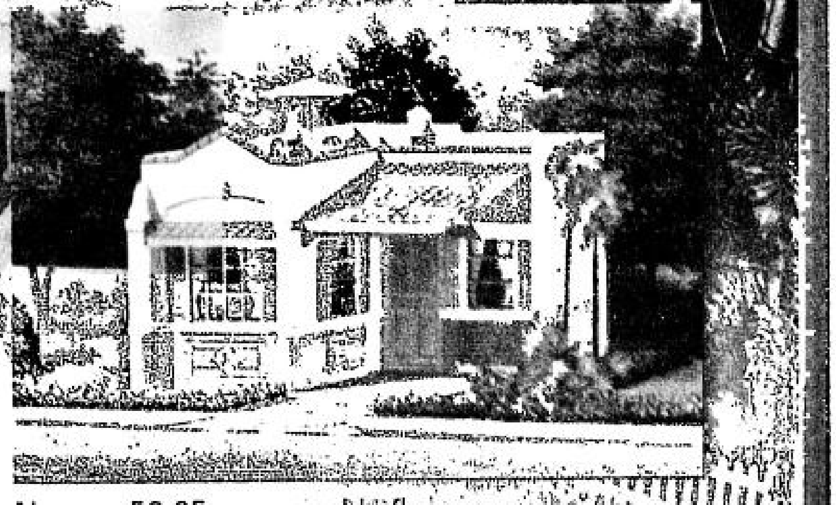

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TRAVEL

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This airline's down but not out

'We're a strong airline. We've survived for a long time. We'll be able to see this through'

COUNTRY manager Adrian Harley making his pitch

RANDY HORMILLOSA

By Elizabeth Lolarga
Contributor

AN AIRLINE that has been in the business since 1946 likes to claim, "We don't just wait for the future. We embrace it."

Roy Farrell and Sydney de Kantzow, founders of Cathay Pacific Airways, had the foresight to invest in the then booming aviation industry, beginning with flights out of Shanghai. Then they moved their hub to Hong Kong. But these former pilots, who flew transport planes in the last great war, failed to factor in an illness—Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)—that brought the airline to its knees 57 years later.

The operative phrase, however, should be "down, but not out."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has struck Hong Kong off the list of countries to which travel is not recommended. And little by little, Cathay Pacific, which is highly associated with the former British colony, and which has had to park a big number of its aircraft there because of the enormous drop in ticket sales and passengers, is picking up the pieces.

Adrian Harley, the airline's country manager in the Philippines, tried to allay what he called "so much talk in the media about SARS that tend to cause a lot of misapprehensions" and "incorrect fears."

"Aside from the Manila-Hong Kong route, all other routes have been hit, and Taiwan is particularly affected right now," he pointed out in an interview with the INQUIRER.

China and Taiwan are still on the WHO travel advisory list. Taiwan has areas that require quarantine. To the question of whether a passenger would be quarantined if he/she came from Hong Kong, Harley's categorical answer was: "No, you won't. You'll be quarantined if you come from Taiwan."

In a Powerpoint presentation titled "Flying Without Fear," Harley reemphasized the statements of the WHO regarding the deadly disease that has caused great damage to tourism and allied industries, particularly aviation:

- The risk of in-flight transmission is low.
- Only five cases have been discovered in 200-million-passenger movement since the outbreak of SARS early this year.

Harley said the five cases were discovered before March 27 and were not Cathay Pacific passengers. There have been no such cases reported since.

- Air filtration systems on commercial aircraft are effective.
- Perceived risks are bigger than the actual threat.
- Such perceptions have resulted in an unnecessary and negative impact on travel.
- This unrealistic fear has led to widespread panic.

Without intending to sound morbid, Harley said the death rates for tuberculosis and pneumonia in Hong Kong and the Philippines were higher compared to those for SARS.

"SARS is spread by people, not by air travel," he said. "It doesn't mean that if you travel, you're likely to get SARS."

Harley, who is British and has the height of an NBA player, bent to pick up a toy model plane to show how the air in Cathay Pacific aircraft circulates sideways or travels in loops, not front to back. This means that those seated in the middle or at the back get good, not old, air.

The cabin's air re-circulation system pumps in 50-percent new air and 50-percent recycled air, as against a regular office environment where fresh air amounts to 15-18 percent.

"Our filters are 99.97-percent effective. They're the same ones used in big hospitals," Harley said. Meaning, germs find the air unfriendly for multiplying.

At transit stops, Cathay Pacific planes that still fly go through a rigorous cleaning following WHO-approved guidelines. Arm rests, tables, blankets and head rests are disinfected.

Among the airport authorities' ground measures is testing the temperature of everyone arriving and transiting in and departing from Hong Kong. Everyone includes Cathay Pacific's cabin and cockpit crew.

"If you don't have a [high] temperature, you can't be infectious for SARS," Harley stressed. "So there is no need to worry about the stranger sitting next to you."

As in pre-SARS years, food hygiene is observed. Plates with food are covered with plastic. The snacks in the economy class are wrapped, too. Drinks come with a cover on the lid. The employees in the catering services are so dressed that, Harley noted, "they look like they're working in a nuclear laboratory." They wear masks and gloves, and cover their head and feet.

Harley said that from April to May, "no cases of in-flight transmission has happened."

"No Cathay Pacific employee in any part of the world has caught SARS in the course of (his/her) work," he said.

But despite this positive revelation, he admitted that his airline had been "badly affected."

"Worldwide we've cut half of our flights," he said. "In the Philippines alone, we used to operate six daily flights from Manila to Hong Kong. Now we're down to two."

April-May is considered Cathay Pacific's peak season, but this year, Harley said, "we lost the summer people completely despite the efforts of our sales and marketing team."

There have been no layoffs, he said. Still, all members of the airline's staff around the world have been asked to go on a month-long forced leave.

"We've been able to save on costs by taking aircraft out of circulation," Harley said. "We don't subscribe to as many newspapers and magazines. Items like new capital investment projects that are not essential to the running of the business tomorrow have been put on hold until we have a clearer idea when the crisis will end, and we can get back to profitability."

"It's the worst crisis, the toughest time for the airline," he added. "We were affected by the 9/11 tragedy in the United States, but that was not of the same magnitude as this. SARS and the Iraq war came roughly at the same time."

Perhaps imbibing the optimistic nature of the country wherein he is posted, Harley declared: "Cathay Pacific is a strong airline. We've survived for a long time. Financially, we're conservatively run. We'll be able to see this through so we have to be prudent in the meantime."

Prudent acts include refraining from aggressive promotion and advertising. Some airlines had an advertising embargo at the height of the Iraq war and the SARS outbreak. "It might be considered in bad taste, not travel-friendly, and not practical to spend on ads, because who would fly? It's like offering people something that they can't take," put in Cathay Pacific assistant marketing manager Rhoda Capuno.

Harley said some steps to recovery included sitting tight and waiting for Hong Kong to be declared SARS-free, keeping employee morale high by honestly informing them about daily developments, and giving frank presentations to travel agents, business people and overseas Filipino workers who had reasons to fly.

NEW ROUTES
Cebu Pacific recently launched its daily flights between Manila and Palawan's capital of Puerto Princesa and thrice-weekly flights between Puerto Princesa and Cebu. After the inaugural flight to the capital, airline executives presented model airplanes as a symbol of support to the province of Palawan. In photo from left are Salvador Ramirez, the airline's VP/GM for sales; Ellen Hagedorn; Councilor Rebecca Labit; Rep. Abraham Mitra; and Ron Ridgeway, the airline's managing adviser.

With the help of the Rolling Stones

HONG KONG—This once vibrant city will beat the world's largest drum, enlist local filmmakers and try to lure entertainers like the Rolling Stones in a HK$1-billion bid to persuade SARS-wary travelers to visit.

But with new cases of SARS still appearing and images of people hidden behind surgical masks broadcast around the world, the territory faces a long battle to restore its image, officials and analysts said.

"We're not expecting non-Chinese tourists to come back until the end of the year—at the earliest," said JP Morgan economist Ben Simpfendorfer.

The Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome has infected 1,730 people in Hong Kong and killed 270, with two new infections and one death reported on Wednesday.

The city's relaunch campaign will start with efforts to encourage locals to resume spending and ensure that word has spread internationally that the World Health Organization has lifted its advisory against visiting Hong Kong.

Later, Hong Kong plans aggressive promotional activities, with an expected budget of HK$200 million for a series of "mega sports and cultural events," according to a government proposal.

Reassurance

"We're not going to launch a full-scale promotional campaign yet. The first thing is reassurance," said Simon Clennell, assistant manager of the Hong Kong Tourism Board.

Officials hope the Rolling Stones, who scrapped two concerts in late March as a result of SARS, can reschedule, while the Liverpool football team is set to play a Hong Kong side in July.

The city will also promote itself to travel professionals and media, while airlines, hotels and retailers are expected to offer bargains to win back visitors.

Other promotions include street carnivals, sports tournaments, and a festival featuring the world's biggest drum.

Government and industry officials acknowledge that restoring the city's visitor trade, which accounts for roughly 6 percent of Hong Kong's gross domestic product, will take time.

The number of visitors to Hong Kong fell 65 percent in April compared with the same month last year, an official said on Wednesday. The airport authority estimates it might only be able to recover 80 percent of pre-SARS traffic by December.

Passenger traffic at Hong Kong's airport has fallen by 70 percent because of SARS, while occupancy at luxury hotels fell into the single digits, although a slight recovery has been reported recently as new daily cases fell into single digits.

Marketing campaign

In Singapore on Wednesday, international airlines declared that the worst was most likely over in their SARS-induced business slump as they announced a joint marketing campaign to kick-start the Asian tourism industry.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) held a press conference with the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) to announce the "unprecedented" marketing campaign aimed at restoring confidence in Asia as a tourist destination.

Passenger traffic in the Asia-Pacific plunged nearly 45 percent in April from a year ago because of the SARS epidemic but the slowdown may have hit its low, according to IATA figures.

"I think as a general statement, we have probably reached the bottom of the falloff [for airlines]," IATA regional vice president Andrew Drysdale said. "The question now is really how long it's going to stay at this much reduced level and how quickly the return to normal numbers would be achieved."

PATA managing director for communications Ken Scott said a joint effort with IATA, an industry group that represents 270 airlines, was crucial in aiding the recovery process.

"It will have to be unprecedented due to the extent and impact of SARS," Scott said at the briefing to announce the joint campaign. "SARS has had unprecedented impact in Asia ... so the fight-back and recovery [effort] has to be of equal size and intensity."

The campaign is expected to be rolled out over the next few weeks. Details are still being worked out and will need at least a six-figure sum to start the recovery effort, Scott said.

Apart from rebuilding passenger confidence, a key target of the campaign is to restore the region's reputation as a safe place for tourists.

"Asia's grand image has been tarnished, and we have to patch it up," said Scott.

IATA estimates that SARS has cost the global industry US$10 billion—and that could rise substantially unless the disease is contained soon.

Singapore Airlines, one of the world's most profitable carriers, lost S$204 million in April and is staring at the possibility of turning a loss for the first time in its history for the first quarter to June.

Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific and Australia's Qantas have recorded similar economic tales of woe. *Reuters, AFP*

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E-ticketing

BOOKING on-line is a cinch for passengers of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, with electronic ticketing services now available at 80 KLM destinations and expected to cover all destinations in the KLM-Northwest Airlines network by mid-year.

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E-tickets are fast gaining popularity. An estimated 65 percent of air travelers in the United States have taken advantage of the convenience, while an estimated 60 percent of all European passengers are expected to travel via e-ticket within three years.

For more details on KLM's electronic ticketing service, call 815-4790 to 92 or visit www.klm.com.ph.

Best airline lounges

YET another recognition has been received by Emirates Airline, with its first- and business-class lounges at the Dubai International Airport voted the world's best airline lounges for 2003.

The Airport Lounge of the Year, the world's largest survey of airline lounges organized by Skytrax, drew more than 918,336 nominations over a six-month period.

The award is a direct result of the refurbishment and upgrades that the airline implemented last year.

The fully carpeted lounges are split into two levels, and feature seating areas surrounded by plants and fountains. Guest bedrooms upstairs are equipped with *en suite* showers, TV sets, and trouser presses.

There are international newspapers and magazines, 42-inch plasma TV screens with satellite channels, as well as separate showers and massage chairs.

The business centers are equipped with free Internet access, laptop connections, telephones, faxes and printers. A lounge staff is on duty 24 hours a day to serve hot and cold meals and refreshments, make bookings, and issue tickets and boarding cards.

The Dubai-based Emirates was established in 1985. It has received more than 200 international awards since.

RP hosting WTO

THE PHILIPPINES is hosting a World Tourism Organization series of events on June 16-20 at the Makati Shangri-La.

The 5-day conference is expected to draw some 200 tourism ministers and heads of regional and international organizations from Australia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

"It is indeed a good sign that despite the SARS outbreak in the region and the fear of traveling here that it has caused, this meeting in Manila is pushing through," Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon said in a statement.

Boracay Bodies 2003 win name-brand prizes

ALEXANDER Cenzon and Elaine Matawaran were named winners in the Boracay Bodies Model Search 2003.

This year's Mr. and Ms Boracay Bodies 2003 were proclaimed during finals night at The Sun Village Beachfront Resort. The search was sponsored by the Philips Consumer Electronics and Longines timepieces.

Both winners received Longines' Oposition square chronograph watches, Philips' top-of-the-line RealFlat television sets. They also got all-expenses-paid trips to Boracay, with accommodations at the The Sun Village Beachfront Resort, as well as hefty cash prizes.

The Boracay Bodies Model Search also gives up-and-coming models a chance to join the big leagues, in addition to the valuable prizes they receive.

A global name in consumer electronics, Philips supports youth-oriented events to acquaint young people with its products that match their lifestyle. During the search finals, Philips RealFlat television sets were strategically positioned to give viewers a closer look at contestants.

Longines supports events to promote its credo: "Elegance is an attitude."

The audience had a glimpse of summer fashion as interpreted by multiawarded couturier Frederick Peralta. The collection included military-inspired resort wear for the men, flowing floral resort designs for the women, to sexy swim wear that showed the best of silhouettes. Hair and makeup for the search was done by Dante Yap of Boracay's own B Salon.

SOUND trippin' with their Philips portable CD sound machine— Mr. and Ms Boracay Bodies '03 Alexander Cenzon and Elaine Matawaran

LONGINES' elegant Oposition chronograph worn by Boracay Bodies winners

Fashion musical showcases stylish '50s

GINGERSNAPS and Just G relive the stylish '50s in a fashion musical show on June 1 at 4 p.m. at the Grand Atrium of Shangri-La Plaza Mall. The event will fuse a preview of Gingersnaps and Just G's summer collection, a themed musicale from Trumpets' Playshop Kids, as well as games and other surprises.

Gingersnaps and Just G will show off their backless sun dresses with flared skirts inspired from the swinging '50s: tops in red checks, aqua and white stripes matched with reinvented denim skirts reminiscent of "Grease," and lots of red cherry prints on white in one of the collections which take inspiration from Marilyn Monroe's red cherry lips.

Preview, too, summer's last imprint of fun and fest in exciting number in natural hues, soothing sea, corals, greens, crisp whites with dainty accents of rosettes, doilies, fine stitches and box pleats!

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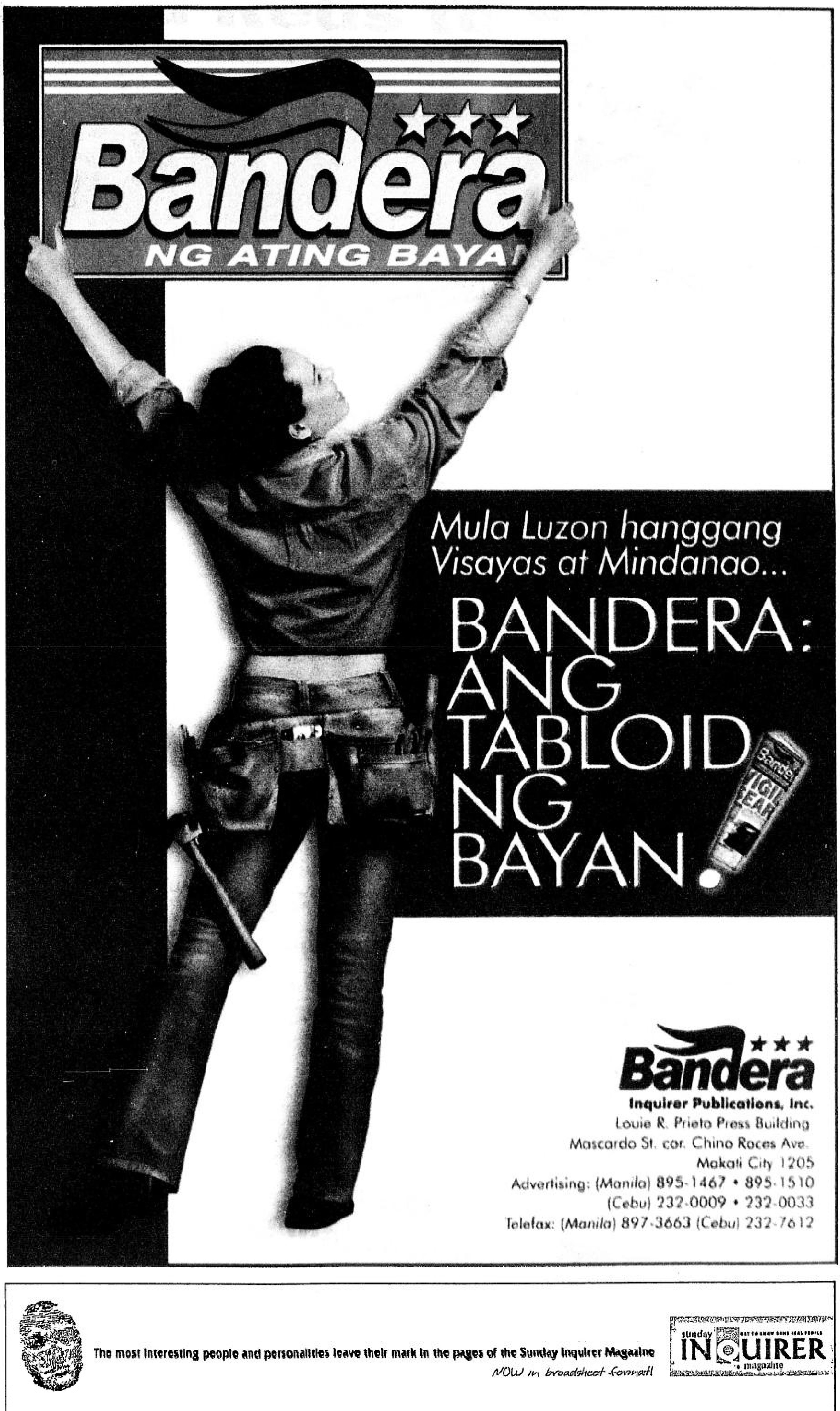
GINGERSNAPS and Just G kids go retro mania



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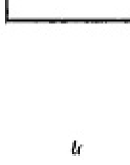

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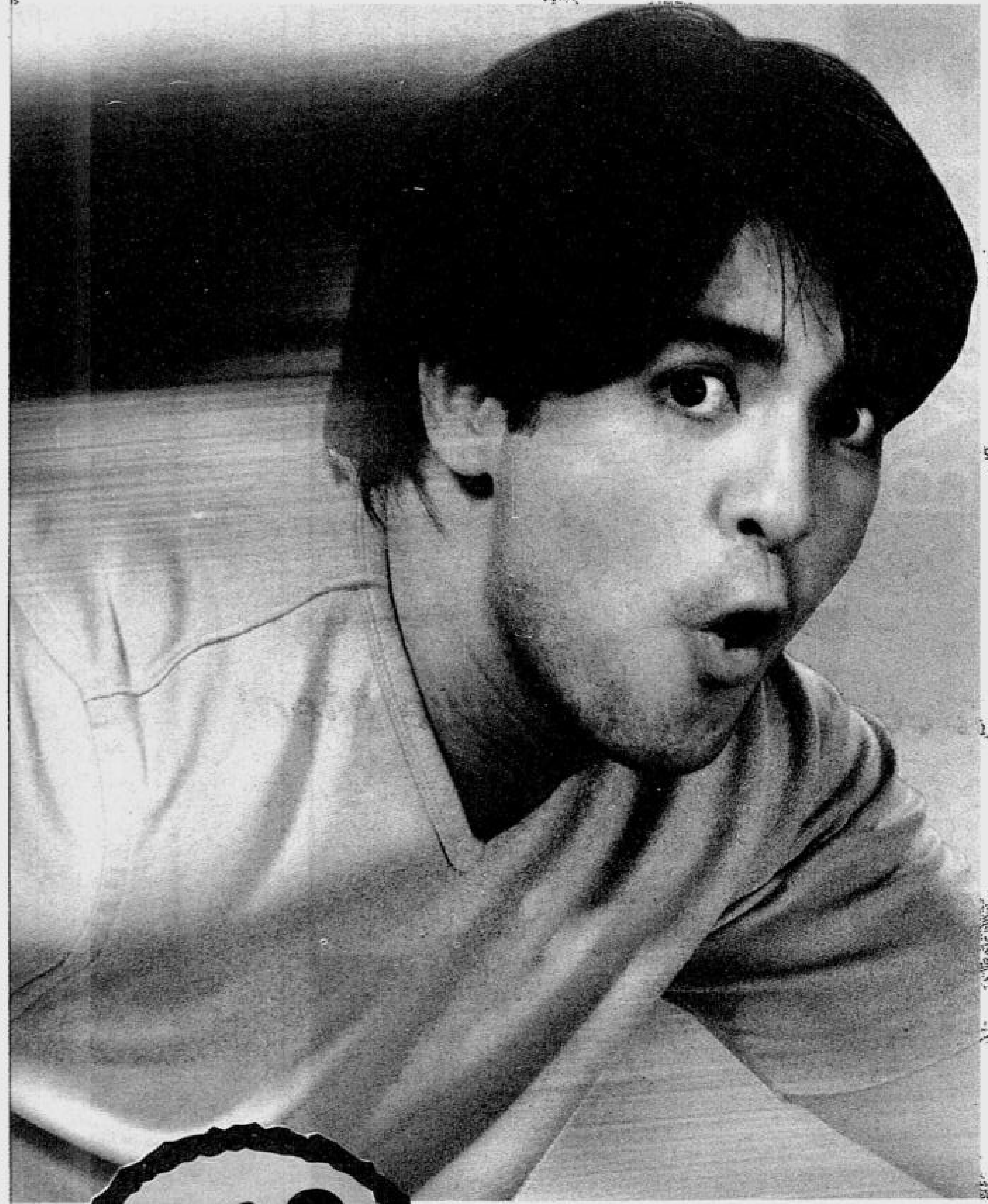

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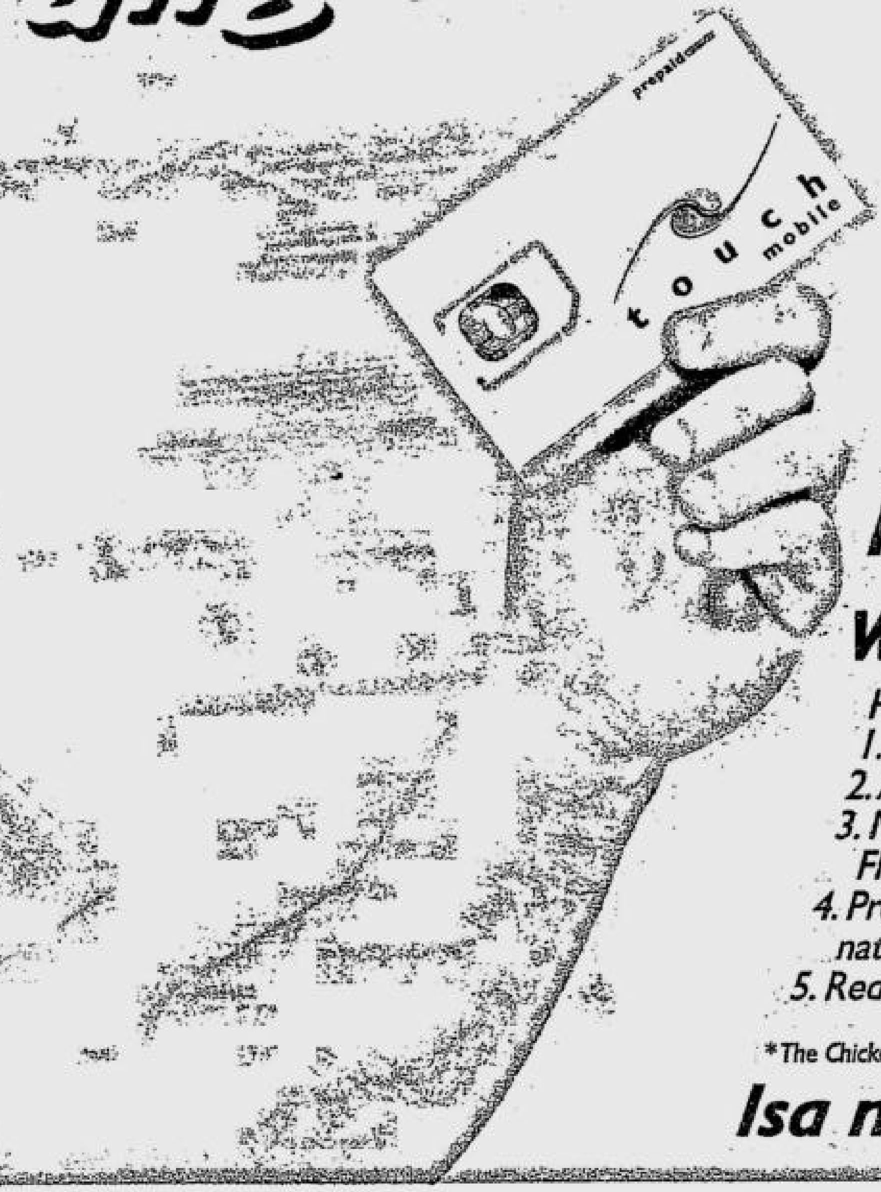
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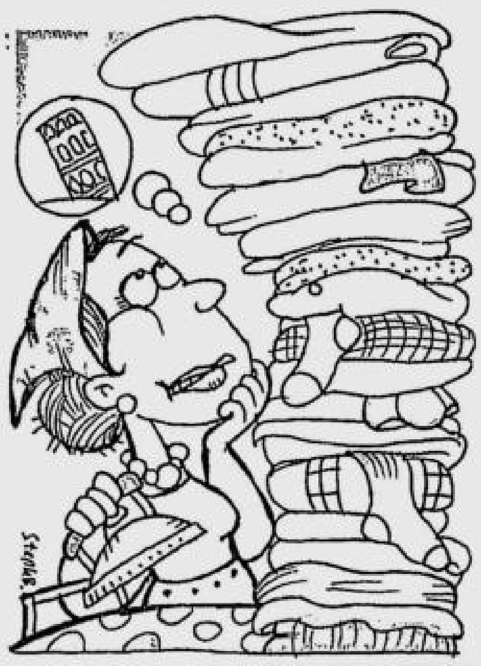

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Maid-less but not helpless

By Elsie Kalaw Santos
Contributor

IT has been 12 years since my family hired househelp, and we have survived.

Our last househelp stayed less than 24 hours. My mother hired and trained her for two weeks before I brought her to my home.

When she arrived, I served her *merienda*, after which my husband and I helped her clear her room, which had been converted into a stock room in the months it had been vacant. There was a water shortage in the neighborhood, so my husband fetched a bucket of water from the front yard for her use. No sense overworking the woman on her first day.

Early the following morning, after the children had left for school, I headed for the neighborhood store to make phone calls (that was 1991, and my PLDT application had been running its seventh year). I made appointments until late afternoon. After all, I had a trained househelp to welcome the children home and serve them dinner. I walked home feeling good.

When I entered the gate to my house, I could hear a woman wailing. I rushed in, imagining what accident could have befallen the househelp when she went out to buy her shampoo. Inside, a drama was unfolding straight out of a TV soap. There was my new help crying uncontrollably in front of my husband, still groggy, trying to focus on the woman's story.

Apparently, while I was away, she returned to our house after supposedly buying shampoo in another store. She banged her fists on our bedroom door, hysterically crying, thus forcing my husband to get up.

She had just called her cousin in Makati, she said, and this cousin received a letter from Davao informing her that my help's four children were very sick.

"Oh, my poor children," she wailed, "and their mother is not with them. I have to go to them."

"How did your cousin get the message?" I asked.

"It was in a letter mailed to her," she answered, visibly calmed that I was listening.

"Yesterday was a Sunday. No mail comes on a Sunday," I countered. And before she could defend her story, I said firmly, "You may go."

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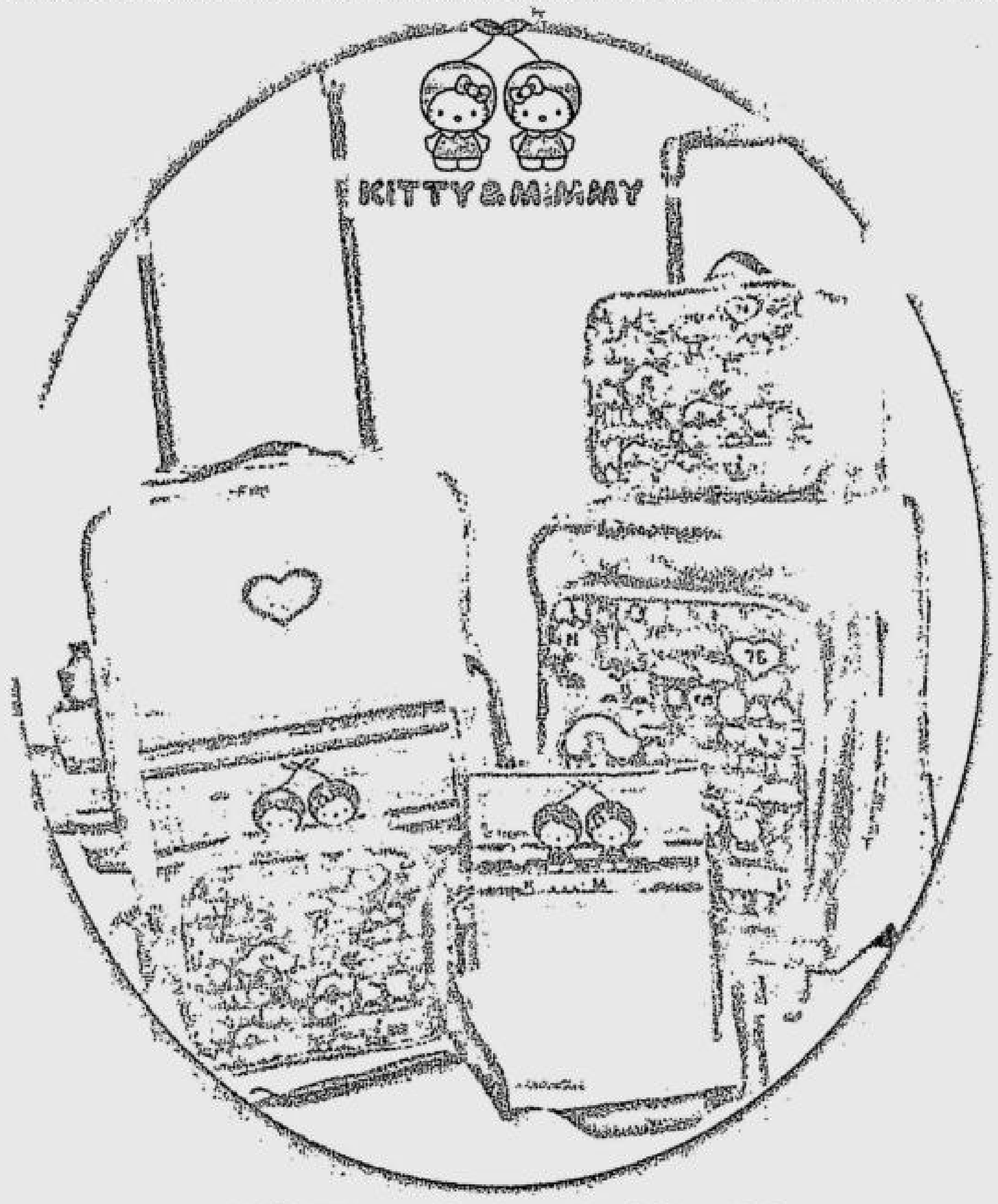

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Virgen de los Remedios, Ima of the Kapampangans, visits Pampanga towns

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

FOR 365 days of the year, the two pilgrim images of the Virgen de los Remedios are brought to the different towns and barrios of Pampanga, to continue a tradition that began in 1952 when the province was just recovering from the ravages of war and the intrusion of the Huks.

The people believed that through the intercession of the Ima of the Kapampangans, the province would be able to achieve peace and prosperity.

But the Virgin's original image remains in her shrine in Barrio Baliti in San Fernando, several kilometers from the junction that turns right and goes down to Baliti, near the Coca-Cola plant.

This is where we were last May 17, the fiesta of the Virgin. Sadly, the church was not very full. According to Josie Miranda, who brought me and Ted Arcilla there, not everybody knows where the shrine of the Virgin is.

Glorious procession

We were fortunate to have met Avelino Henson, whose grandmother Juana Fernandez Henson built the first chapel of the Virgin. Avelino's father, Jose Henson, supervised the building of a bigger church much later.

Avelino recalled that, when he was two years old, he came down with a very high fever and his family thought he would die. But his parents asked the image of the Virgin to be brought to the sick boy.

First, Avelino was brought to the river to be bathed, to put the fever down. Then, he was laid on the bed with the Virgen de los Remedios facing him.

His family started to pray, imploring the Virgin to heal the very sick boy. That very day, Avelino's fever went down and he was healed.

Today he lives in a house near the church with his family and his mother Pilar Henson, 91.

Avelino remembers the glorious procession held in honor of the Virgin in his second year of college. There was a long line of people from the junction, with cars and buses bumper-to-bumper on the road, and trucks bringing donations of rice and food for the people.

Governor Lazatin was the head of the province then, and Bishop Guerrero the leading prelate.

Today not too many people visit the shrine, but when I wrote about the Virgin for the first time last year, people from different places came. This is according to Jorge Cuyugan, whose collection of stamps on churches is now on exhibit at the entrance of the church.

Jorge has arranged with the Postmaster General to print a commemorative stamp which will be launched on Sept. 8, the anniversary of the canonical coronation of the Virgen de los Remedios as decreed by Pope Pius XI.

A pilgrim image arrived in the shrine on May 28 and will stay in the parish for one month. Fr. Mar Miranda, the parish priest, will bring the image to the different *puroks* of the parish. He told me that a fundraising campaign has been started to restore the church and the pastoral center.

Those who wish to help can write to Fr. Mar Miranda, Virgen de los Remedios Parish, Brgy. Baliti, San Fernando, Pampanga, or you can text him at 0919-3044172.

Those on their way to visit the shrine will know they are on the right track when they see the Party Land restaurant on the right side of the street. Barangay Baliti is a few kilometers down the road. For *estampitas*, please write me and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for easier mailing.

Our Lady of All Nations

The High Mass honoring Our Lady of All Nations at the Manila Cathedral last May 24 was a glorious celebration, according to officiating prelate Bishop Emeritus Max Cruz of the Diocese of Calbayog.

Present were at least a thousand people, including members of the Legion of Mary, Daughters of Mary, the Apostleship of Prayer, Blue Army, Mother Butlers Guild, Association of St. John Mary Vianney, Alay Kapwa, Adoracion Nocturna, Marian Movement of Priests, CWL and Mary's Army to Save Souls.

The Rosary was said in different languages—Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, French, Latin, Pakistani, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Japanese and Indian, and in Philippine dialects such as Tagalog, Ilocano, Kapampangan, Bisaya, Waray, Ilonggo and Bicolano.

It was a glorious moment when the flags of nations were brought in by the military, signifying a united world in quest for peace as Our Lady of All Nations is interceding for us with God.

The children of Bahay Maria also sang, while brother and sister Gerard and Magda Sison led in the singing of the Mass. Eleven priests, two bishops (Bishop Nestor Cariño and Bishop Manuel Sobrevinas) concelebrated with Bishop Cruz, with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate serving as *sacristans*.

Chona and Tony Montinola, who head the Confraternity of Our Lady of All Nations, prepared the Day of Prayer in response to Our Lady's message to Ida Peerdeman: "See to it that every year the nations are assembled around this throne, before this image."

In his homily, Bishop Cruz asked Our Lady of All Nations not to abandon us, as we trust in her motherly care and cling to her powerful intercession amidst horrendous forces of evil.

Mother Teresa's 'Memorare'

During her life, Mother Teresa didn't have time to make nine-day novenas, but she prayed the "Memorare" nine times to seek the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

(A friend of mine tried praying the nine "Memorares," and her prayer was granted.)

When Mother Teresa passed away on Sept. 5, 1997, only a week after Princess Diana died in a car accident on Aug. 31, 1997, she left behind a thousand ways and examples by which people could be closer to God and serve the poorest of the poor.

In recognition of her intercession, Pope John Paul II will beatify her on Oct. 19, 2003, at St. Peter's Square in Rome.

The travel agency Miles and More Travel Company is arranging a trip to Rome and other places in Europe from Oct. 17-28 to bring pilgrims to the beatification.

Run by young entrepreneurs Cecille Gonzalez and Rosemarie Lorica, who are both inspired by the example of Mother Teresa, the travel agency has included Naples, Pompeii, Sorrento, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Venice and Padova and Milan in the itinerary. Those interested to join may call 404-3856 or 0917-7951051.

Golden teacher

She might not be Mother Teresa, but Herminia P. Tolentino spent 50 years of her life teaching *caton* to five generations of children on the ground floor of the house of her best friend Olympia Valeza in San Andres, Catanduanes, from 1949 to 1999.

Called "Lola Minying" by her kindergarten pupils, she molded her students to become respectable individuals instilled with proper behavior, a strong determination to succeed, and an unwavering faith in God.

Her former pupil, lawyer Jose Gianan Samonte, honored her with the Most Outstanding Senior Citizen of San Andres award in 2001 when he became president of the Calolbon San Andres Civic Association.

Lola Minying passed away on June 1, 2002, and her pupils living in Manila offered a Holy Mass on May 31 at 6 a.m. and a *padasal* at 6 p.m. at the Manila Cathedral. In San Andres Parish in Catanduanes, a Rosary will be said at 5:30 a.m. today, followed by a Mass at 6 a.m.

'Parables of Jesus'

Fr. Steven Zabala, parish priest of Our Lady of Pentecost Parish in Loyola Heights, QC, has written a book called "Parables of Jesus," to be launched on June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

At the same time, the parish is celebrating its fiesta on June 8, with activities that began on May 30. To buy the book, please text Tessa at 0919-3349050 or call 434-1777.

Church rebuilding

In faraway Tabugoc, Pandan town in Catanduanes, Fr. Francis Conde will celebrate the fiesta Mass on June 4 in the newly refurbished altar of the St. Francis Caracciolo Parish church.

Using his own money, Father Francis bought tiles for the altar floor so it would look better for the fiesta. He is still raising funds to rebuild the church. Please help by texting him at 0919-3157491.

St. Joseph stolen

The ivory face of the St. Joseph image at St. Joseph Parish in San Jose, Negros Oriental, was stolen last month, according to Dr. Laurialde Pareja, who is from there. Antique dealers and collectors are asked not to buy the stolen image. Those who know where the image is may text (0917) 961-8684.

> Not too many people visit the shrine because many don't know the original image is here

VIRGEN de los Remedios in Barrio Baliti, San Fernando, Pampanga

OUR Lady of All Nations at the Manila Cathedral

Did 18-year age gap scare him off?

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

Just when she started to think he was special, he disappeared

DEAR Tita Dulce,

When things did not work out between me and Bernard, who was 19 like me, we broke up. I found myself spending more time talking to his older brother, who was 37.

I found out we had a lot in common. He trusted me with details about him that he never told his friends. I was touched by the attention he gave me. He was like an older brother I never had, and, at the same time, someone more "special" than that.

Then four months ago, he just disappeared. People could not (or would not?) tell me where he went. Until now I couldn't get him out of my mind, not just because I had a great time with him but also because I didn't know what we really were to each other.

Am I in love with him, or just infatuated? I'm sure he liked me, but was I simply a nice friend, a little sister, or someone more special? And did he leave because he felt awkward about our age gap?

Most days I feel sure that I love him and wish that he loves me, too. Some days I simply wish I could forget him and stop feeling bitter about wanting and not having him as my sweetheart because of the 18 years between us.

ME

If he did not leave word for you, and if people who should know couldn't or wouldn't tell you his whereabouts, I'd take that to mean he intentionally cut his ties to you. He did that not out of anger, I'm sure, because if you fought before he left, you would have mentioned that to me.

My guess is, he put a distance between you because he realized you wanted to be more than a sister or a friend, and that was something he could not give you. So, rather than reject you outright, he chose to let you down gently by moving away.

That could explain why he did not say goodbye because, then, he would have to explain why he's leaving and his explanation would hurt you.

He liked you, but I doubt that he loved you, or he would have stayed put and, as you said, overlooked the age gap or even the fact that you were his brother's girl once.

But even if he did not love you, I'm sure he respected you a lot. A man who cared less would have taken advantage of your desire to be closer to him.

Are you really in love with him? Maybe. But perhaps that is not the point now. Perhaps the point is, as far as he was concerned, things wouldn't work out between the two of you.

You'll hurt less and appreciate his decision more if you'd put yourself in his place. It shouldn't be that difficult since not too long ago you broke up with Bernard when you realized things were not working out between the two of you.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City

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Maid-less but not helpless

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I gave her just enough money to allow her to commute back to Makati.

The help dismissed, my husband scolded me, "How can you be so cold? The woman was distraught."

"You can't believe her. She was just acting," I protested.

"I don't think so," said my husband, unconvinced. "She was crying so."

I went back to the neighborhood store to call my mother and ask her to please stop recruiting househelp for me. I also had to cancel my late afternoon appointments.

Two weeks later, my mother spotted the woman in her neighborhood.

Bold move

As a child I was already aware of househelp receiving messages from home, not through snail mail but via telegrams. If these bore the dreaded message "*Uwi. Grabe nanay*," there was no holding back the help, you just had to let her go.

At least twice, the telegrams presented to my mother as evidence of their need to leave ASAP were sent from Quezon City.

Deciding to run the home without househelp then was a rather bold move on my part. I had very little experience doing housework, food preparation in particular.

In the kitchen, I was just a dependable dish washer; if I did any cooking, it had to be a simple frying project. I always wondered how *adobo* and *sinigang* materialized.

I was so intimidated by the wet market scene. Several times I attempted to do the marketing when there was no househelp, and each time I would spend an hour going from fish section to meat section and back to the fish section, trying so hard to decide which meat or seafood to buy and which stall to buy them from.

I could never pick out fresh, untainted, good-quality meats and fish. I usually ended up going home with just a kilo of pork (bought at a stall which had many customers) and some vegetables.

No one knew how unprepared I was for housework more than my mother. My family lived with her for the first seven years of our marriage, and through all those years I was a *señorita*.

When I woke up on weekdays, breakfast was cooked and served; my toddlers had their meals especially prepared. If my husband and I wanted packed lunch, we only had to inform my mother and this would be ready by the time we left the house.

When I returned in the late afternoons, my children were happily playing, watched over by their *yayas* with their *lolo* and *lola* not far away. I would rest for a while and within the hour dinner would be served. It was a wonderful life.

The idyllic life ended when my family moved out and into our own home. But I was eager to take charge. I was lucky to have very efficient and cooperative househelp for the first five years.

Even then, the househelp was always an all-around girl: She cooked, washed and ironed clothes, marketed, cleaned the house, ran errands, etc. When the househelp took the day off on Sundays and I had to cook and wash the dishes for the day, I would have an aching back by evening.

Horrifying tales

When the young woman who stayed with us for four years took her leave, I postponed looking for a replacement. The thought of having to take in a stranger anew and adjust to each other's ways was just not pleasant. Besides, I had been hearing horrifying tales.

There was this friend who was wondering why their food supply was running so fast when they were just a couple at home. One night, her husband went to the kitchen to get a drink and encountered a man in the dark. It was the househelp's boyfriend who apparently had been their boarder for weeks.

Another friend went home earlier than usual, only to find her baby on the floor in the maid's room with the *yaya* and her boyfriend making it out on the bed. A neighbor chanced upon the birthday party photos of her househelp: The guests were having the fun of their lives in her living and dining rooms.

My mother did not take me seriously when I declared in 1988 that I would no longer hire househelp. Since then she made it her mission to supply me with househelp, until that day in 1991 when I assured her that we would manage by ourselves and thank you for the concern.

It was a good time to let go of househelp. The children were both in high school, and I was a freelance writer and could work at home.

Since it was my decision to forego the services of outside help, I took responsibility for all the household tasks, and that included cooking, washing and ironing clothes, washing the dishes, and cleaning the house and the bathrooms.

I assigned my teenagers, who had school work to do at night, minor tasks like clearing the dining table and throwing the garbage. My mother volunteered to have her househelp do my marketing, an offer I shamelessly accepted.

On weekdays, I got up at 5 a.m. to cook breakfast and pack lunch for the children and my husband. When they left at 6 a.m. I went back to bed and slept for another three hours.

If I had to leave, I would put frozen chicken or meat in the refrigerator to thaw for cooking when I got back

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home. By the time the children were back in early evening, dinner was ready.

However, when I had deadlines on my work, we would order pizza or roast chicken, or else open canned food. After the kitchen was cleared and cleaned, I retired to the bedroom. If there were clothes to iron, I would do them while watching television. I was supermom!

The yard became my husband's domain. Once I tried clearing the pathways of the *alibangbang* leaves using the *walis tingting*. My husband took the *walis*, saying, "That's not the way." He started to sweep the area to demonstrate the proper handling of the *walis tingting*. I have not reclaimed that *walis* since.

Guiding policy

My household operations were guided by one policy which I observe to this day: Under no circumstances should the pressures of housework rationalize my being irritable and temperamental. Otherwise, my husband warned, we would hire househelp again. I did not object, and that is one time I can say I obeyed my husband without question. Anytime I don't feel like doing any of the household chores, including cooking breakfast, I simply don't. As a result, early on, my three housemates eventually learned to cook.

Our first move at independence from househelp was to purchase a washing machine. A few months later, when funds were available, we got a floor polisher and, much later, a vacuum cleaner. Whoever invented these machines obviously understood and cared for housewives. Two years ago we acquired a turbo dryer, what I consider the ultimate in home technology. I just love collecting the warm, soft, fresh-smelling, clean clothes from this heavy-duty machine on weekends.

Aside from these machines, my indispensable household tools are the disposable rags my husband buys in the streets at P5 per bundle of six pieces (for dusting and waxing the floors); old newspapers (laid out on the entrances to serve as foot rugs especially on rainy days); supermarket bags (to line the waste baskets); laundry baskets, enough to load the laundry from the washer to the spin dryer to the turbo dryer; spray starch; and small microwave-safe plastic containers (for storing food leftovers).

My cooking has improved, thanks to my mother's coaching early on and her tattered copy of Nora Daza's cookbook. *Adobo* and *sinigang* are among my best concoctions. Tolerable, my son says, not exactly in jest. I've stopped trying certain recipes I can't do right, like *pancit*.

There's less housework now, with the children graduated and on their own. Admittedly, the state of order of the house is not at par with what I grew up with. If my mother were still around, she would wince at my unpolished floors and stack of clothes on the ironing board.

But we are very comfortable being just by ourselves, totally tuned in to our home.

Once, a neighbor dropped by and, upon seeing the fallen bougainvilla flowers strewn on the front yard, looked at me with honest shock and blurted out: "Don't you ever sweep your yard?"

"What's to sweep?" I answered innocently, looking proudly over the thick carpet of pink flowers.

> The journey from househelp dependency to self-reliance wasn't easy, but the comfort we now enjoy being by ourselves is worth all the grief

Seminar-workshops for fun and profit

BUSINESSMAKER Academy announces lifestyle courses to be offered this month.

"Get Maximum Results through Events," a one-day seminar, will be conducted on June 6 and 28, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Topics include: Events Planning, Strategy, Budgeting, Fundraising, Creating a Project Team, Suppliers, Logistics, Promotions, Legal and Insurance Advice and Evaluation. Inclusive of snacks and drinks.

"Accessorize Your Way with Beads," to be held on June 7, will teach how to create beautiful beadwork designs and how to apply them as hair, jewelry or handbag accessories. Participants will be taught different techniques of the craft, types of beads and stones, tools needed and where to source materials. Inclusive of materials, snacks and drinks.

"Create Your Own Personal Style," a one-day seminar, will be conducted on June 7, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The course will teach, among other things, makeup styles, proper dressing for different occasions, and fashion dos and don'ts. Inclusive of snacks and drinks.

"A Step-by-Step Guide to Business Ownership," a one-day course, will be held on June 7, and June 20, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. It will cover business planning, legal processes, location and other aspects of starting a business. Inclusive of snacks and drinks.

"Flower Fun for Special Occasions" will be conducted on June 13, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. It includes a hands-on demonstration on how to create floral arrangements for different occasions. Inclusive of materials, snacks and drinks.

"Fun Balloon Arrangements for Special Events, Parties and Gifts" will be held on June 20, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The lecture-seminar will teach participants the different tools, techniques and new styles of the fun craft. They will learn where to source materials and how to price products. Inclusive of materials, snacks and drinks.

"Snap Away and Take Terrific Photos" will be conducted on June 21, 9 am.-to 5:30 p.m. The course teaches photography using SLR (single lens reflex) and digital cameras. It will cover shutter speed and aperture, basic composition techniques, among others. Inclusive of snacks and drinks. Participants may bring their own cameras.

"Learn the Art of Resin-bonding" on June 27, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The course provides hands-on experience in making figurines and novelty items using resin. Inclusive of materials, snacks and drinks.

"Unleash the Writer in You" will be held on June 28, 9 am.-5:30 p.m. The lecture-workshop will teach participants how to write articles and short stories. Inclusive of snacks and drinks.

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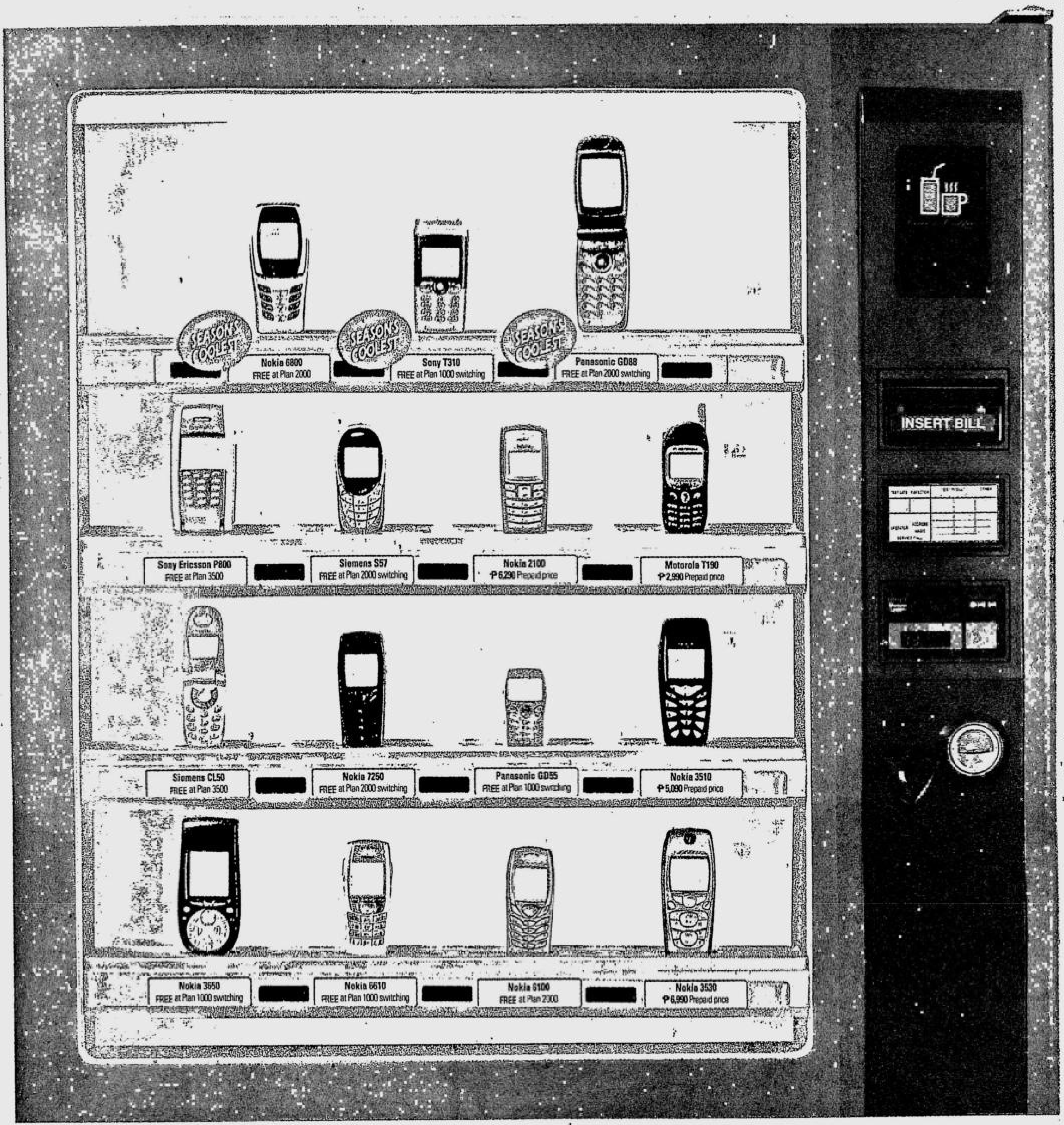
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What's better than...?

Better than having a vision is fighting for a cause. Find the right cause and you will prevail

"MOST of us focus on what's wrong with other people more than what's right about them."

Butch Jimenez, head of PLDT's media and strategic communications department, delivered this speech at the UP Diliman Class 2003 commencement exercises

By Butch Jimenez
Contributor

AS college students, you're just about to set sail into the real world. As you prepare for the battleground of life, you'll hear many speeches, read tons of books and get miles of advice telling you to work hard, dream big, go out and do something for yourself, and have a vision.

Not bad advice, really. In fact, following these nuggets of truth may just bring you to the top. But as I've lived my life over the years, I have come to realize that it is great to dream big, have a vision, make a name, and work hard. But guess what: There's something better than that.

So my message today simply asks the question, What's better than...?

Let's start off with something really simple. What's better than a long speech? No doubt, a short one. So, you guys are in luck because I do intend to keep this short.

Better than being negative

Now, let me take you through a very simple math exam. I'll rattle off a couple of equations, and you tell me what you observe about them. Be mindful of the instructions. You are to tell me what you observe about the equations. Here goes:

3+4=7, 9+2=11, 8+4=13, and 6+6=12. Tell me, what do you observe?

Every time I conduct this test, more than 90 percent of the participants immediately say, 8+4 is NOT 13, it's 12!

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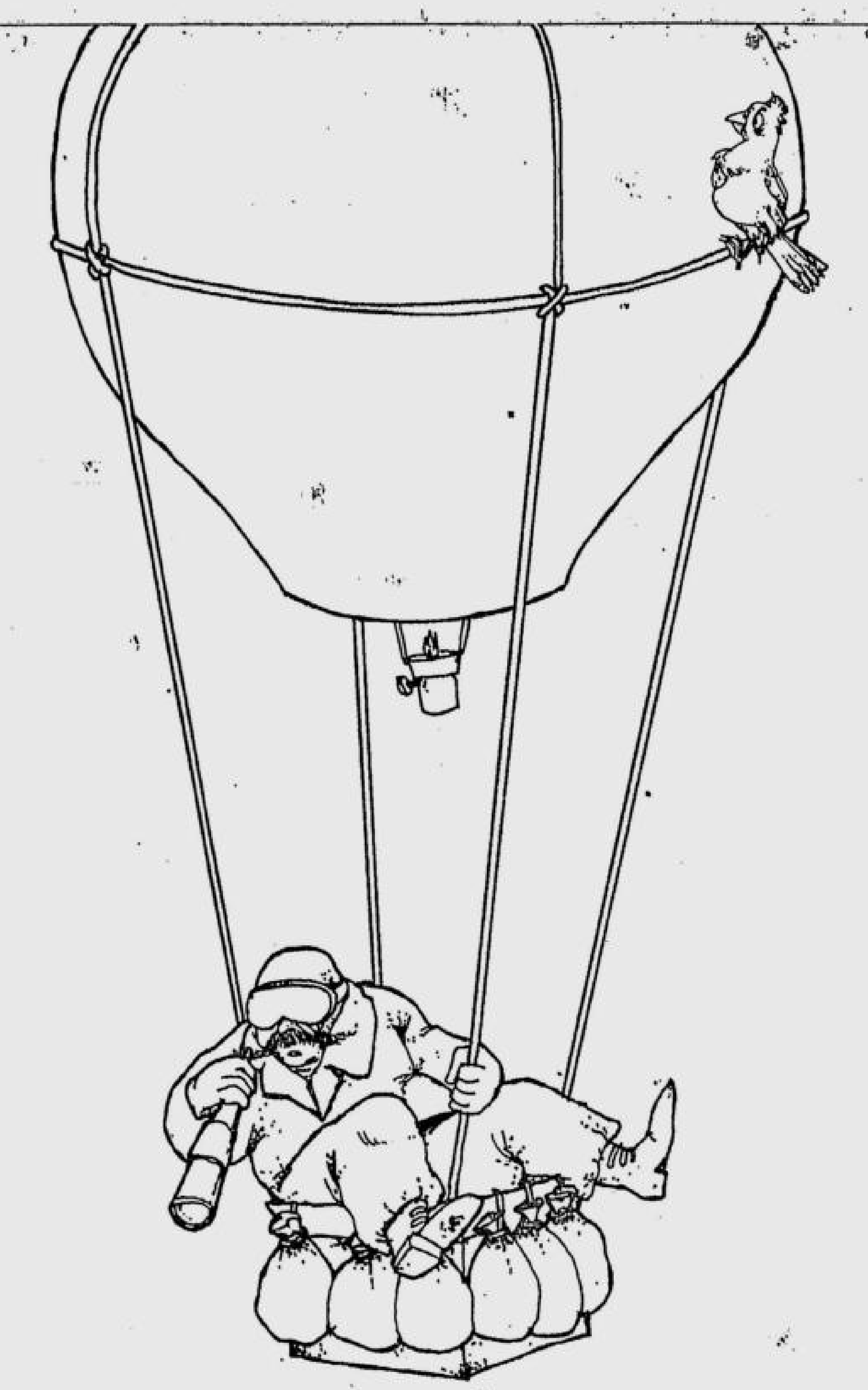

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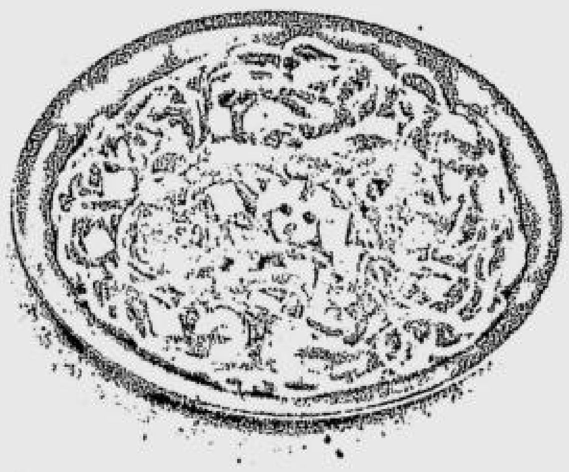

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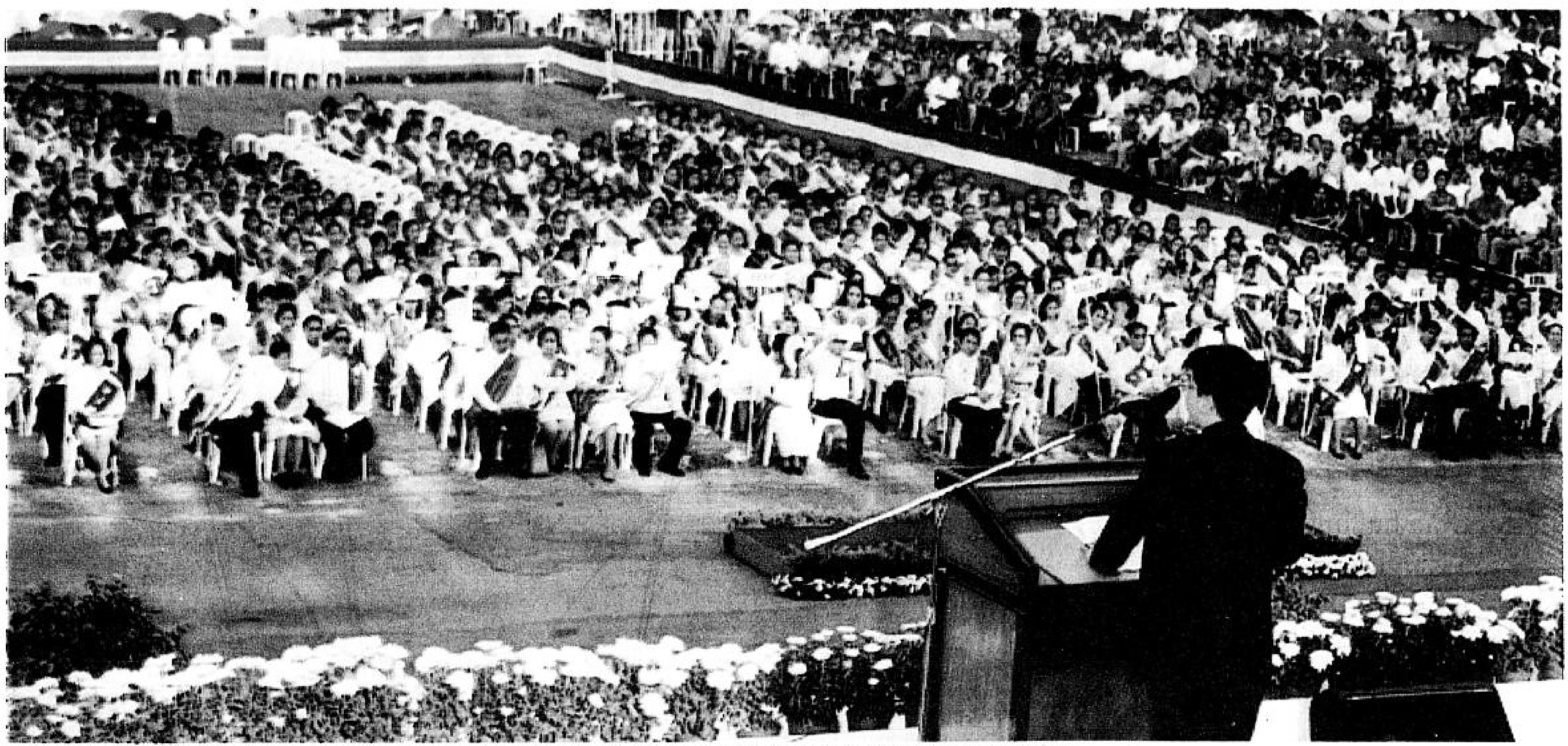

THE YOUNGEST commencement speaker the State University ever had, Butch Jimenez embodies the young achiever the graduates can emulate.

Appropriate sendoff to UP graduates

By Jaime Santiago
Contributor

WHEN the brightest and the best of the graduates of the University of the Philippines milled about the university amphitheater one Sunday afternoon, he could easily have been taken for just one of them.

Looking as young and eager as the proud graduates of UP Class 2003 was Menardo "Butch" Jimenez Jr., and he was actually the guest of honor.

Making history as the youngest commencement speaker ever of the university in 92 years, Jimenez seemed to embody what the UP administration wanted.

"A young achiever whom the graduates can better emulate and more importantly, relate to," according to Chancellor Emerlinda Roman.

Jimenez was also of a different mold from past speakers invited to address UP graduates.

The youthful Jimenez does not have a string of college or masteral degrees, nor does he hold a high position in government. He does not even head a large corporation.

But Jimenez has already made remarkable accomplishments in multiple fields of media that set him apart from other people his age.

His inspiring commencement address, delivered before the graduates and university officials led by president Dr. Francisco Nemenzo, revealed someone whose practical sense, more than anything else, brought him to where he was now. It reinforced the feeling that he was the right choice for an occasion whose theme was: "Iskolar ng Bayan: Handa Ka Na Ba sa Hamon ng Panahon?"

He spoke of working smart instead of working hard, and of "imagineering" rather than just dreaming big. Success, he said, came to those who worked from the heart for a cause instead of simply working with a vision in mind. He added that stepping out into the world to do something for oneself was not enough and should be complemented by doing something for the country.

Reactions to Jimenez's address were glowing.

Prof. Rey Concepcion, chair of the Department of Studio Arts, UP College of Fine Arts, said, "I have attended a couple of UP graduations and I must say Mr. Jimenez's speech was quite different; with much substance and humor. There were no going-around-the-bush clichés that you usually hear. Very straightforward. No idealistic lecturings; just matter-of-fact anecdotes."

Dolly Manzano (BS Psychology, cum laude) said, "His words and anecdotes will be greatly remembered."

Another graduate, Simone Valera, echoed the sentiment: "Mr. Jimenez delivered a uniquely inspiring message that entertained and, at the same time, challenged Class 2003."

Some graduates even regretted the fact that they did not bring pen and paper, or a tape recorder. The positive response was probably summed up best in a single word by one graduate: "*Astig*!"

The UP administration admitted they had some reservations about veering from tradition and choosing a young speaker. However, after the ceremonies, it was clear that they made the right choice.

Prof. Ruben D. F. Defeo, director of the UP Information Office, said, "The graduating students identified with the speaker due largely to the age factor. Butch looks just like one of them. Even if he was wearing a suit, his youthful looks made him seem like he was one of the boys. Age... was not a physical or visual barrier, as in the case of a more senior [speaker]."

Jose Wendell Capili, associate dean for administration and development, College of Arts and Letters, said, "Butch Jimenez... infused energy and spirit into this year's [graduation]. As a young achiever, he is certainly a good role model for many UP graduates."

Concepcion noted, "Mr. Jimenez was visual proof... that success can come at an early age if one follows the right path."

Jimenez's credentials include co-producing the acclaimed films "José Rizal," "Muro-Ami" and "Deathrow," helping steer RX 93.1 to the top of the FM charts, producing a television series for a Singaporean network, staging the Trumpets' musical theater hits "Little Mermaid" and "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," winning a silver in the international area of broadcast promotions for the launch campaign of GMA-7's transmitter, and now head of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company's Media and Strategic Communications department.

At the age of 35 in 1998, he received both TOYM and TOYP (the international version of the TOYM) awards in communication arts and cultural achievement. He further scored points with UP officials for "his unassuming manner and detachment from the trappings of fame and fortune."

To the students and parents who attended the UP graduation, Jimenez represented the very message he delivered. He concluded his talk by quoting a verse from the Bible that had guided him since he left university: "To whom much is given, much is required."

He expected the UP Diliman Class of 2003 to experience much success. But he reminded the graduates that the higher they soared, the bigger their responsibility was to their country, their fellow Filipinos and the world.

Stepping out into the world to do something for oneself should be complemented by doing something for the country

What's better than . . . ?

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9+2 is 11, and that 6+6 is 12.

What's my point? Many people immediately focus on the negative instead of the positive. Most of us focus on what's wrong with other people more than what's right about them.

Examine those four equations. Three were right and only one was wrong. But what is the knee-jerk observation? The wrong equation.

If 10 people you didn't know were to walk through that door, most of you would describe those people by what's negative about them. He's fat. He's balding. Oh, the short one. Oh, the skinny girl. Ahhh, *'yung pango.* Etc.

Get the point? It's always the negative we focus on and not the positive.

You'll definitely experience this in the corporate world. You do a hundred good things and one mistake—guess what? Chances are, your attention will be called on that one mistake.

So what's better than focusing on the negative? Believe me, its focusing on the positive. And if this world could learn to focus on the positive more than the negative, it would be a much nicer place to live in.

Better than working hard

We have always been told to work hard. Our parents say that, our teachers say that, and our principal says that. But there's something better than merely working hard. It's working SMART.

It's taking time to understand the situation, and coming out with an effective and efficient solution to get more done with less time and effort. As the Japanese say, "There's always a better way."

One of the most memorable case studies I came across with as I studied Japanese management at Sophia University in Tokyo was the case of the empty soap box, which happened in one of Japan's biggest cosmetics companies.

The company received a complaint that a consumer had bought a box of soap that was empty. It immediately isolated the problem to the assembly line, which transported all the packaged boxes of soap to the delivery department. For some reason, one soap box went through the assembly line empty.

Management tasked its engineers to solve the problem. Post-haste, the engineers worked hard to devise an X-ray machine with high-resolution monitors manned by two people to watch all the soap boxes that passed through the line to make sure they were not empty. No doubt, they worked hard and they worked fast.

But a rank-and-file employee that was posed the same problem came out with another solution. He bought a strong industrial electric fan and pointed it at the assembly line. He switched the fan on, and as each soap box passed the fan, it simply blew the empty boxes out of the line.

Clearly, the engineers worked hard, but the rank-and-file employee worked smart.

So what's better than merely working hard? It's working smart.

Having said that, it is still important to work hard. If you could combine both working hard and working smart, you would possess a major factor toward success.

Better than dreaming big

I will bet my next month's salary that many have encouraged you to dream big. Maybe even to reach for the stars and aim high.

I sure heard that about a million times right before I graduated from this university. So I did. I did dream big. I did aim high. I did reach for the stars. No doubt, it works. In fact, the saying is true: "If you aim for nothing, that's exactly what you'll hit: nothing."

But there's something better than dreaming big. Believe me, I got shocked myself. And I learned it from the biggest dreamer of all time, Walt Disney.

When it comes to dreaming big, Walt is the man. No bigger dreams were fulfilled than his. Every leadership book describes him as the ultimate dreamer. In fact, the principle of dreaming and achieving is the core message of the Disney hit song, "When You Wish Upon a Star".

"When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are; anything your heart desires will come to you. If your heart is in your dream, no request is too extreme. When you wish upon a star, as dreamers do," as Jiminy Cricket sang.

But is that what he preached in the Disney company? Dream?

Well, not exactly. Kinda, but not quite. The problem with dreaming is if that's all you do, you'll really get nowhere. In fact, you may just fall asleep and never wake up.

The secret to Disney's success is not just dreaming, it's IMAGINEERING.

You won't find this word in a dictionary. It's purely a Disney word. Those who engage in imagineering are called imagineers. The word combines the words "imagination" and "engineering."

In the book "Imagineers," Disney's CEO, Michael Eisner, claims that "imagineers turn impossible dreams into real magic."

Walt Disney explained there is really no secret to their approach. They just keep moving forward—opening new doors and doing new things, because they are curious. And it is this curiosity that leads them down new paths. They always dream, explore and experiment. In short, imagineering is the blending of creative imagination and technical know-how.

Eisner expounds on this thought by saying that "Not only are imagineers curious, they are courageous, outrageous, and their creativity is contagious."

The big difference with imagineers is that they dream and then they DO! So don't just be a dreamer, be an imagineer.

Better than having a vision

You must have all been given a lecture at one time or another about the importance of having a vision. Even leadership expert John Maxwell says that an indispensable quality of a leader is to have a vision. The Bible also makes it very clear that "Without vision, people perish." So no doubt about it, having a vision is important to success.

But surprise! There's something more potent than a vision. It's a CAUSE. If all you're doing is trying to reach your vision and you're pitted against someone fighting for a cause, chances are you'll lose.

The Vietnam War is a classic example. Literally with sticks and stones, the Viet Cong beat the heavily armed US Army to surrender, primarily because the US had a vision to win the war, but the Vietnamese were fighting for a cause.

In the realm of business, many leaders have visions of making their company No. 1, or grabbing market share, or forever increasing profits.

Nothing really wrong with that vision, but take the example of Sony founder Akio Morita. He did not just have a vision to build the biggest electronics company in the world. In his biography, "Made in Japan," he reveals that the real reason he set up Sony was to help rebuild his country, which had just been battered by war. He had a cause he was fighting for. His vision to be an electronics giant was secondary.

What's the difference between a vision and a cause? Here's what sets them apart...

Vision-Cause

No one is willing to die for a vision. People will die for a cause.

You posses a vision. A cause possesses you.

A vision lies in your hands. A cause lies in your heart.

A vision involves sacrifice. A cause involves the ultimate sacrifice.

Just a word of caution. You must have the right vision, and you must be fighting for the right cause. In the end, right will always win out.

It may take time, and it may take long. But if you have the right vision and are fighting for the right cause, you will prevail. If not, no matter how sincere you are, if you are not fighting for what is right, you will ultimately fail.

Two final quotes

Allow me to end with two quotes that I have lived by ever since I stepped out of UP.

The first comes from the Bible, which says, "To whom much is given, much is required."

Having been given the opportunity to study in UP, no doubt, much has been given to you in terms of an excellent education. Don't forget that in return, much is now required of you to use that education not just for yourself, but for others.

And as you move up and start reaching the pinnacle of success, even more will be required of you to look at the welfare of others, of society and of the country.

Though I have often dreamed of addressing any graduating class of UP Diliman, I never really thought it would happen. This brings me to the second quote I have held close to my heart as I traverse the destiny God has laid out for me.

"There is no destination beyond reach of one who walks with God." My standing in front of you today, as the youngest commencement speaker of this esteemed university in 92 years, is proof of how true that quote is.

A final review

- What's better than focusing on the negative? Focus on the positive.
- What's better than working hard? It's working smart.
- What's better than dreaming? Imagineering.
- What's better than doing something for yourself? Doing something for your country.
- What's better than a vision? A cause.
- What's better than a long speech? Definitely, a short one.

Thank you and congratulations, UP Diliman graduating class of 2003.

Internet access becomes wireless

By Rowena C. Burgos

KEEPING track of one's e-mail while on the road is currently a major production, requiring one to find, at the very least, a telephone to get connected.

But with Globe Quest's Wireless Internet Zone (WIZ), businessmen and ordinary travelers who absolutely need to log on to the Internet can get online when they have to. While waiting for the flight in an airport, travelers can find themselves a comfortable corner and check their e-mail quickly and securely download important files or just pass the time surfing the Net.

WIZ, the newest Internet service of Globe Telecom, uses IEEE 802.11B or WiFi networking technology to deliver broadband Internet access to laptops and PDAs (personal digital assistants) "wirelessly."

Broadband promises instant connection and fast download of massive files that would normally take hours or days via conventional dial-up modem connections. Access speeds are only a fraction of the time it takes with dial-up connection.

"Broadband makes hassle-free instant Internet access available in every hotel room, meeting rooms, lobby area and other 'hot spots,' where Internet savvy consumers can work on a laptop or PDA equipped with a wireless LAN card," said Francisco Claravall IV, head of Globe Quest's applications and solutions delivery group.

A hot spot, according to Cecilia Grace Castillo, marketing head of Globe Quest's Wireline Data, is a public place with wireless Internet access using wireless fidelity (WiFi) technology of 802.11B. Its key location allow people access up to 200 meters without obstruction.

Many consumers now want fast Internet access. Household demand is growing because of increased e-mail usage, rise in educational Net use and e-commerce. Also needing bandwidth are distance learning and Web-based infotainment.

"This is why Globe is offering the high-speed and hassle-free broadband Internet access service. Its connection is up to 50 times faster than the traditional dial-up system," said Jesus Romero, head of Globe Quest's Wireline Data.

First in Cebu

Cebu City Marriott Hotel launched recently its broadband Internet service in partnership with Globe Quest Biz. It's the first hotel in Cebu to install the broadband and the third in the country. The others are Oakwood Premier Manila and Mandarin Oriental Manila.

"We used to receive a lot of complaints from guests. They would use a local dial-up connection and often be cut off. One guest from Singapore got so frustrated that he dialed his server in Singapore. His long-distance call amounted to P50,000. He refused to pay. It made a bad impression on guests. I had to explain that it was not our service (but) the phone lines and dial-up provider," said Christiane Wasfy, general manager of the Marriott Hotel.

To connect to the hotels' broadband Internet service, a guest simply plugs in his computer or laptop in his room to get access.

Marriott Hotel's broadband Internet rates are: P33 per minute, P660 per hour, P1,320 per day, P3,300 per week, and P4,290 per month.

Wasfy explained the rates, saying the Internet service was so much faster than a regular dial-up service. "There's less hassle, and paying a little bit more can help one download his e-mail much faster. In 2-3 minutes, you can download about 50 e-mail messages at P33 per minute, which is not that expensive. This is good for business travelers, who are the hotel's [main] clients," she said.

Convenience and mobility

WIZ is also available through prepaid and postpaid plans, and to existing Globe Quest customers.

Hot spots are located in Ayala Greenbelt 2 and 3, Cebu City Sports Club, Greenhills Theater Mall, Pioneer Highlands, RCBC Eat Food Court, Cebu Waterfront Hotel, Ayala Center Cebu, Mactan International Airport, Legend Hotel in Mandaluyong, Kaya Restaurant branches on Jupiter Street and Rockwell, Makati and Mactan Shangri-La Hotel.

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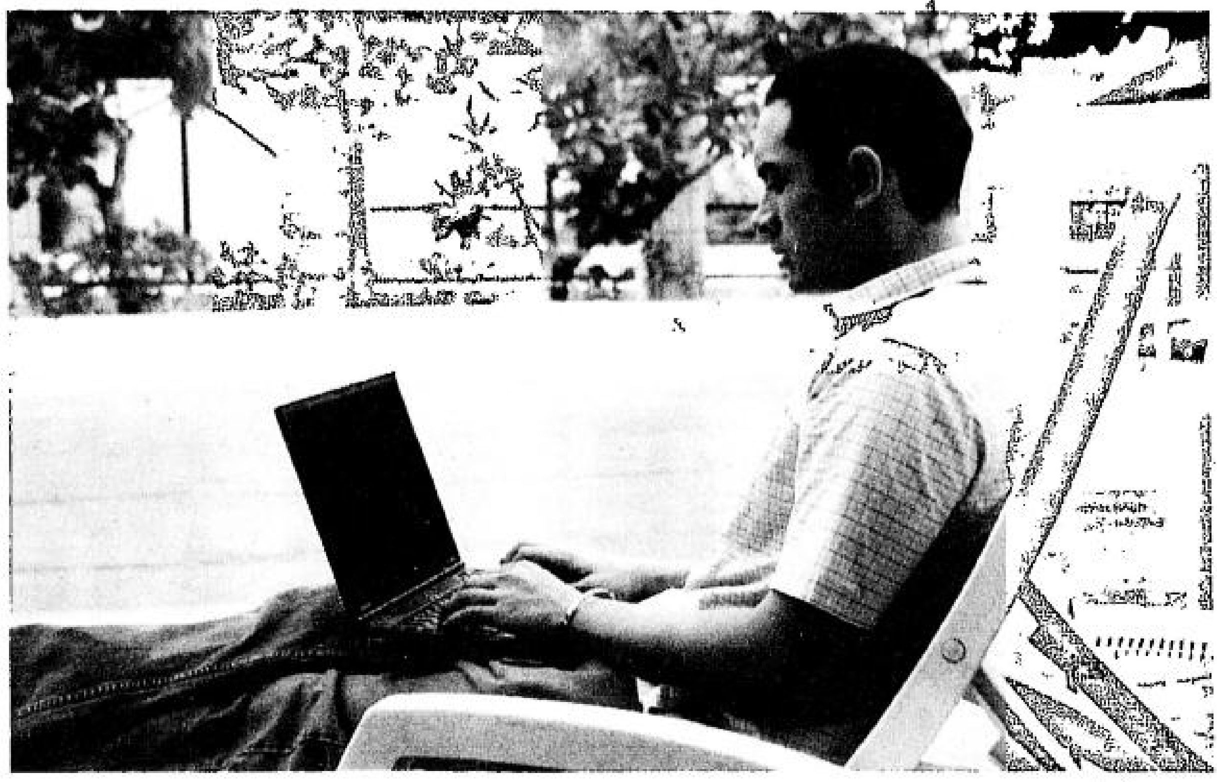

AT CEBU City Sports Club, which is a hot spot, one can access the Internet in an instant.

"WIZ's first component is connectivity. It's supposed to be plug and play. One only has to open an Internet browser... and it automatically redirects you to Internet user name and password (depending) on your subscription... Other service providers offer quick solutions but one has to reconfigure something," Claravall said.

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(from left) CECILIA Grace Castillo, marketing head of Globe Quest's Wireline Data; Jesus Romero, head of Wireline Data; and Francisco Claravall IV, head of applications and solutions delivery group

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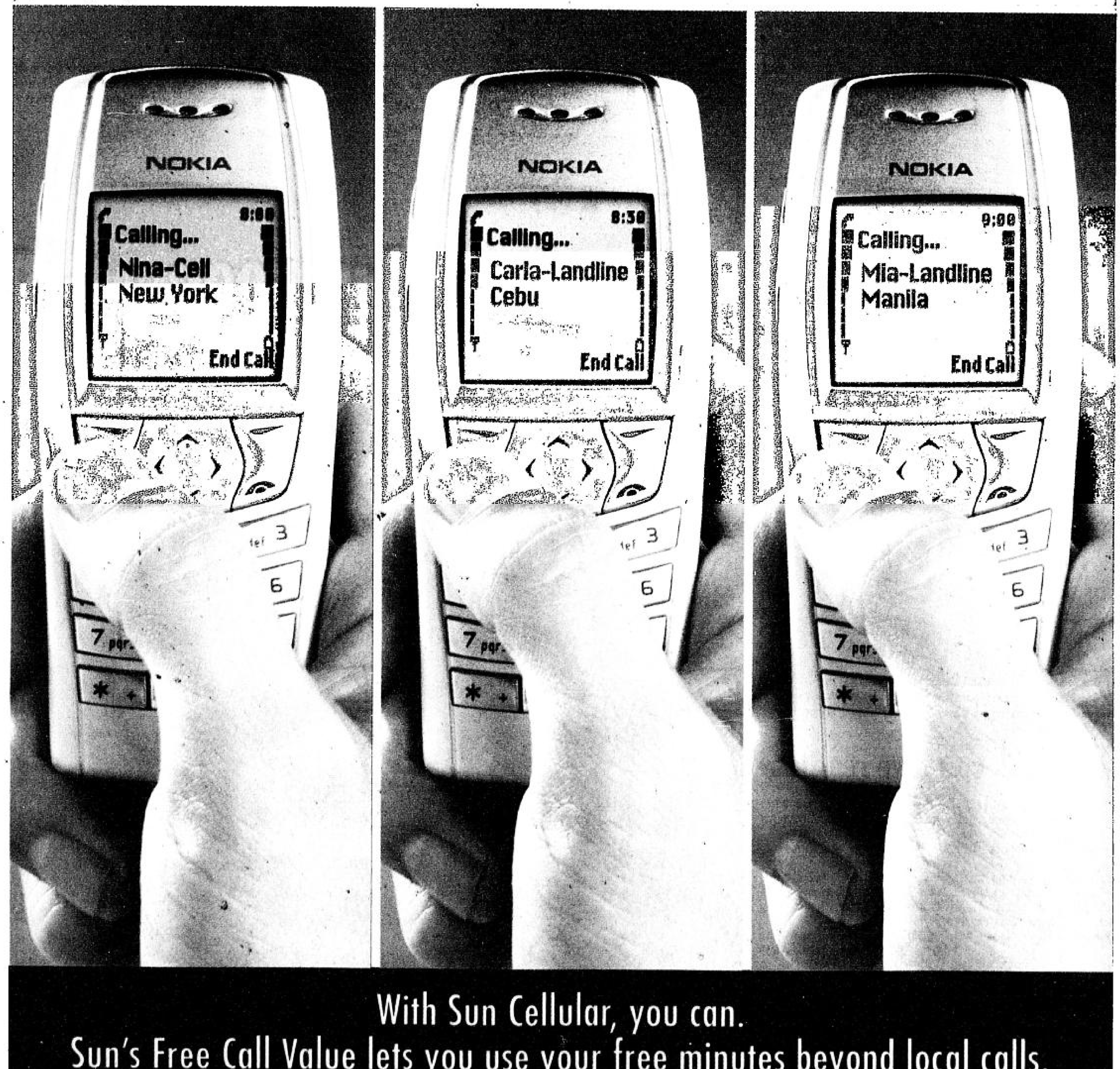
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Family Sunday LIFESTYLE

At the end of the day

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando
Contributor

THIS is my elaboration on a ritual that was supplied by Kathryn Perlas, which the Waldorf School uses to welcome its kindergartners. It assumes a belief in successive lives. If you do not believe in past lives, just take it as a beautiful fairytale to help children and the elderly along their way.

> The age of 70 and upwards are our Grace Years, a bonus period in which to let go and just 'be'

The souls longing to be born huddle together in heaven, looking down on the earth. They know their time to descend will come. As the earth rotates, in consultation with their loved ones, the little souls excitedly choose the country, the time in history and the parents each one wants to be born to.

Parents are chosen depending on the talents the soul wishes to cultivate—a musical father for a would-be singer, a doctor for someone who envisions health for everyone, a carpenter for someone with a practical bent.

The choices are not those of convenience. They are altruistic choices made in a pure state and arrived at with the objective of going into a higher level of sanctity, no matter how difficult.

Free to choose

Not everybody chooses a rich or a successful life—the choice may be a life of strife and toil that will cultivate the qualities they feel they lack, like patience and fortitude, like undying hope. A soul may even choose to incarnate as a derelict or a beggar in order to learn compassion, or to cultivate it in others.

To satisfy a love for one's country, a soul may choose to be born in a period of unrest, of revolution or war, and even die as a result. Rizal and Ninoy chose their ends before they incarnated—these were not roles assigned arbitrarily to them by the Almighty.

We are ever and always free to choose our paths, and responsible for how to live them.

Some may choose great wealth and abundance, and if it is used well and for the benefit of others, then they succeed in their mission. But if they merely amass wealth greedily and selfishly, then in heaven's record they fail.

The special angel assigned to each little soul flies with its ward to the different houses of the zodiac to gather the gifts they are to bring down to earth. These gifts are the soul's own, but will also benefit others.

A soul who devoted all its life selflessly serving the poor could incarnate as a Mother Teresa, respected and generously funded by all. An enthusiastic teacher of a small school may in the next life have a school of his own. A slave in one life may become a successful freedom fighter in the next. An activist in one life may become a world leader in the next.

Desires and visions that one has worked for but did not fully attain in one lifetime will bloom fully in the next.

Karma

Aside from the gifts they carry, each soul is also given his backpack of karma. This pack of troubles consists of unresolved issues or unpaid debts accumulated from a previous lifetime. Ideally, it has to be lightened and be rid of in the next. The souls now remove their wings and give them to the big angel who promises to keep them until the souls' return

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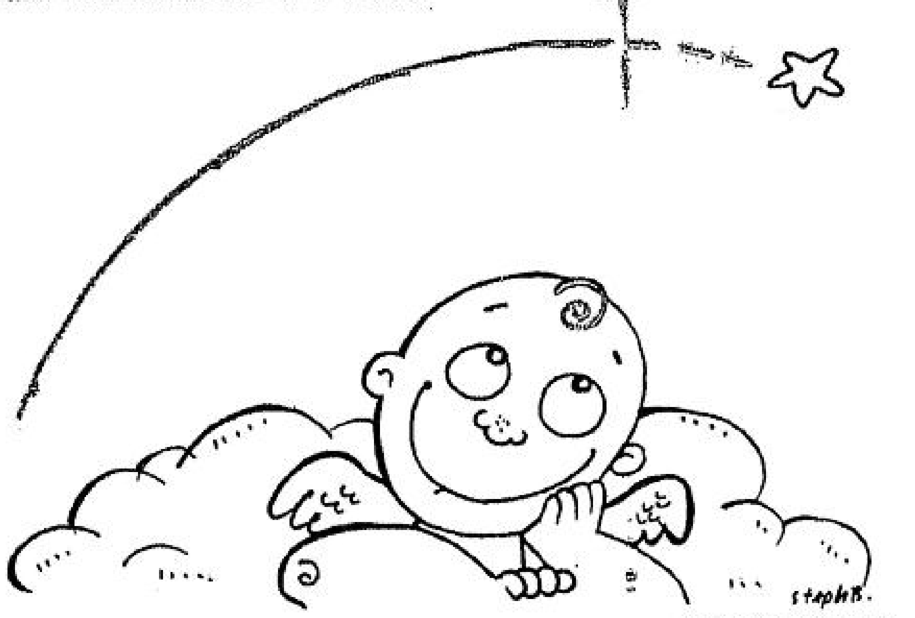

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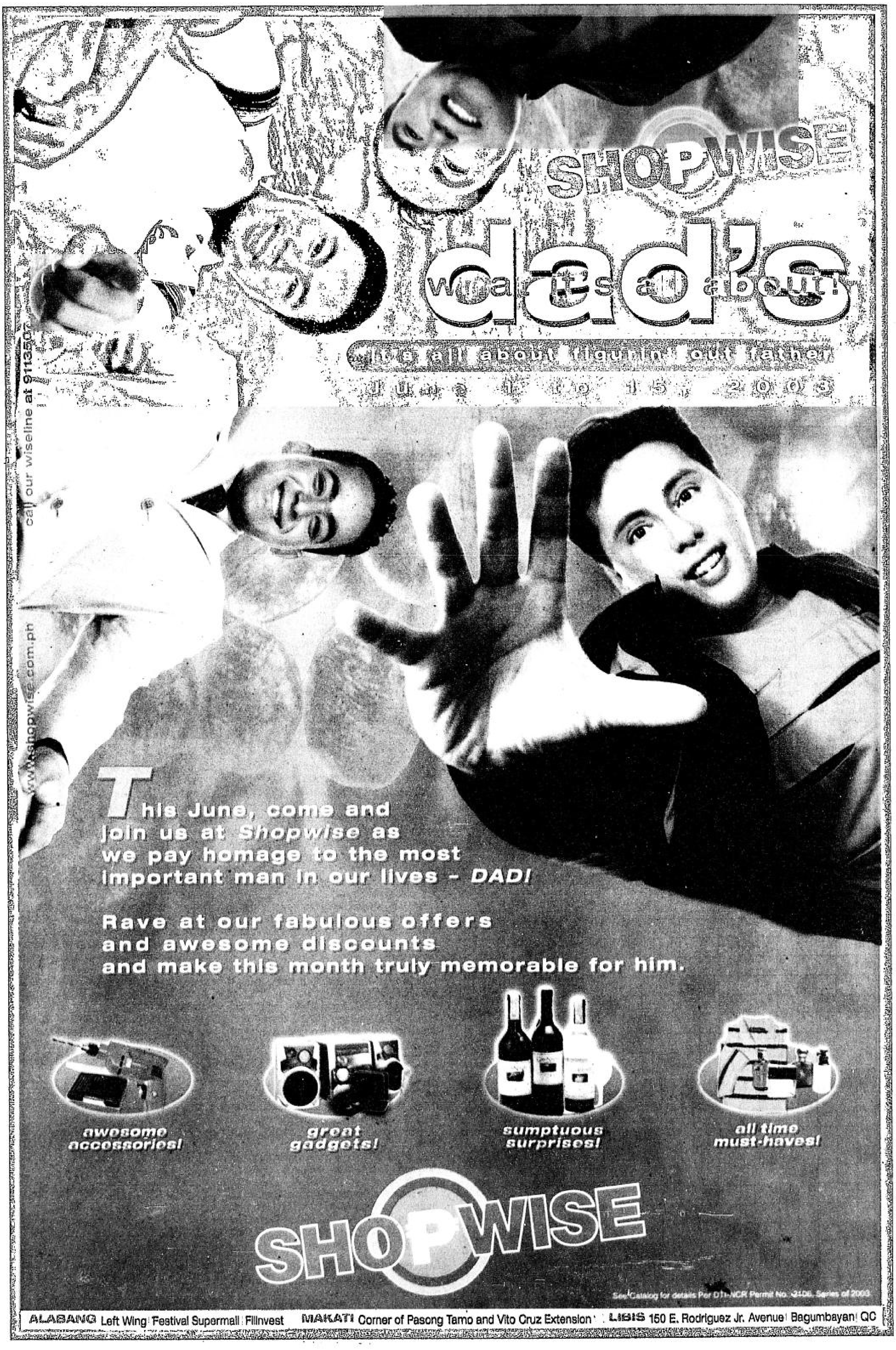
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AT AGE 93, Purificacion Tomas-Reyes tells her story, and the evolution of the Philippine public school system from her time up to the present.

The mother as teacher

By Jeremy C. Malcampo
Contributor

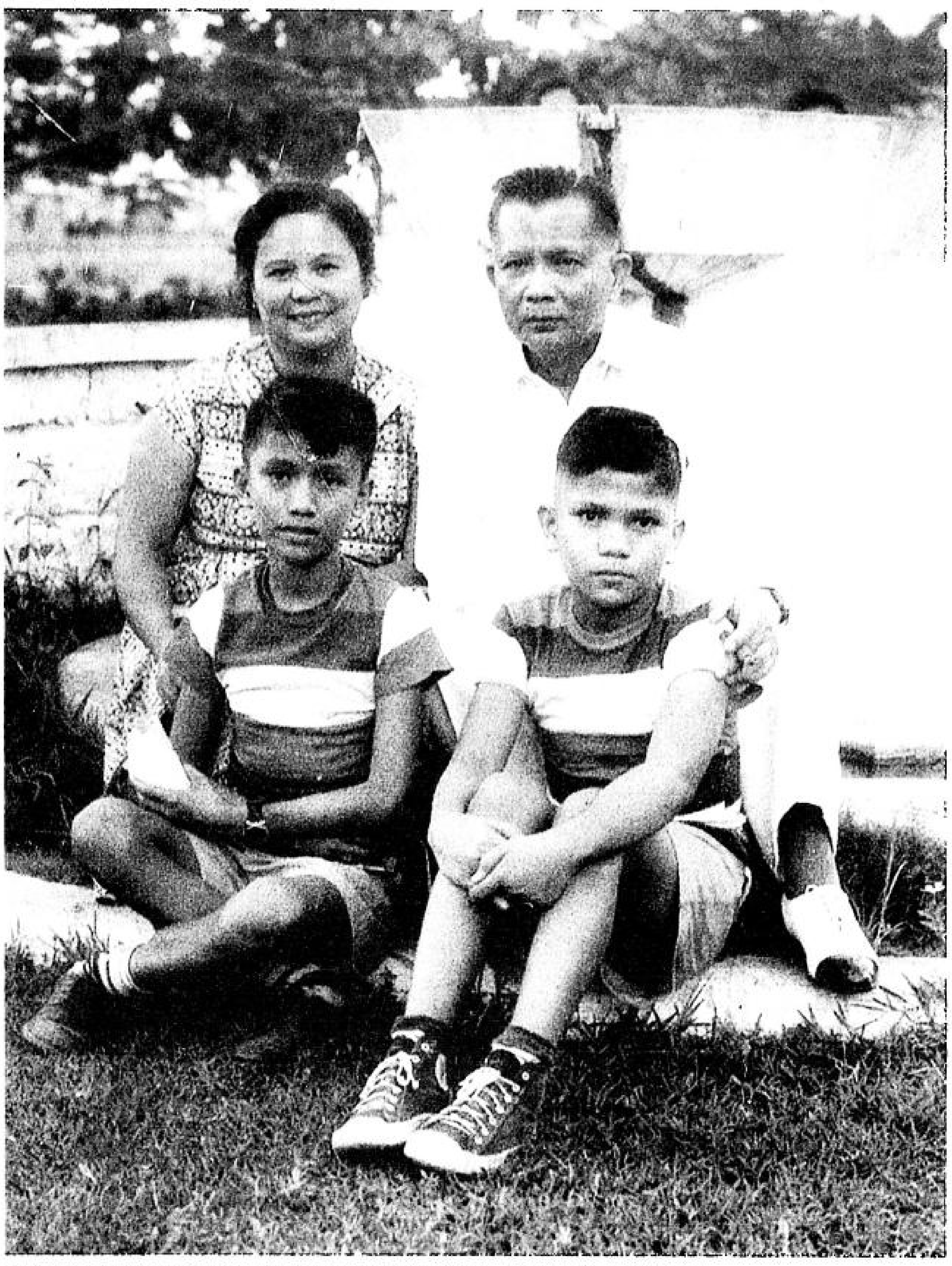
Purificacion Tomas-Reyes, mother of the defense chief, says motherhood and education are connected

PURIFICACION Tomas-Reyes is a retired educator who has never failed to uphold the importance of family values as a most compelling element in a child's learning and future success.

Because of her life's work and example, Tomas-Reyes, better known as the mother of Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, recently received the Ulirang Ina Sectoral Awardee for Education from the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Foundation of the Philippines.

Along with other honorees—Carmen S. Ramirez, Regina Zabala-Barbers and Ofelia Malate-Mirando—Tomas-Reyes emphasized the role that mothers play in a person's formative years.

She stressed, for one, that the mother herself should be properly educated "because, it would have been very difficult for me to give my children proper education if I didn't study," she said.



THE TOMAS-REYES FAMILY. Purificacion and Pablo with sons Pablo Jr. (left) and Angelo

Born to Juana Lacson of Imus, Cavite, and Angel Tomas of Parañaque, on March 10, 1910, Tomas-Reyes was the youngest of three daughters.

Her family settled in Singalong, Manila. Tomas-Reyes' mother died when she was just 4 years old. She grew up under the guidance of her father and sisters, Consuelo and Pacencia.

It is also about this time when her father retired from work due to an illness, making it more difficult for the family to survive.

"We ate regularly three meals a day, but we were very poor," she recalled. "I and my sisters, unlike other girls in school, didn't have the luxury to buy new clothes and eat special meals outside the house."

She had vivid memories of her childhood.

"Our only means of survival was my sister Consuelo," she noted.

She remembered how her sister supported the whole family.

Consuelo, despite the family's poor status, had managed to finish up to seventh level of education. At that time, to reach the seventh level of educational attainment was enough to qualify one to teach elementary public level.

In her sister's footsteps

Tomas-Reyes followed in her sister's footsteps and went to school. In 1928, she graduated from the Manila South High School. Because of her extraordinarily high grades, she acquired a scholarship at the University of the Philippines and graduated with a BSE degree in 1932.

In 1933-35, she taught in Samar High School in Catbalogan.

In 1935, she transferred to the Pampaga High School in San Fernando to teach English until 1940, when she met her future husband, Pablo P. Reyes. They married in the same year.

Tomas-Reyes then transferred to teach English in Rizal High School in Pasig, Rizal. It was then that World War II broke out.

During the war, Tomas-Reyes stayed home while her husband worked as Department of Education assistant superintendent in Manila.

The couple had their first baby, a daughter, in 1943, but the child died a few months after birth.

In 1944, Pablo Reyes Jr. was born.

In 1945, after the birth of their second son, Angelo, Tomas-Reyes went back to teach English in Torres High School in Manila, where she taught until 1949.

Again, in 1946, she gave birth to another daughter, Purita, who died after only six months.

Despite the deaths of her two daughters, Tomas-Reyes accepted the tragedies with equanimity and never lost faith in God. From then on, she and her husband focused their attention on raising their two sons.

Successful academic career

Tomas-Reyes served as assistant English supervisor of the Manila Division of City Schools from 1950 to 1954. In 1955, she went to the United States as a Fulbright Smith-Mundt Scholar (Leader Grant). She took up a specialization course in English in University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In 1956, she returned to the country and became English supervisory chair of the Manila Division of City Schools. She served in the post until she retired in 1973.

While serving the division, she helped in the the curricular development of English language instruction in the secondary level.

Tomas-Reyes authored textbooks for English-language instruction that were used in the public schools. Among the books she wrote were "English for You and Me," "The Philippine High School Reader," Books III and IV of "Effective Communication in English for Filipinos," and the college textbook, "Communication Arts and Philippine Literature."

Nowadays, Tomas-Reyes looks back to a life rich in the experience of educating her students and her sons.

In her own small way, Tomas-Reyes said, she has contributed to nation-building.

"When a parent teaches a child moral values," she said, "the parent is already shaping the future of the nation."

PURIFICACION with Pablo Jr.

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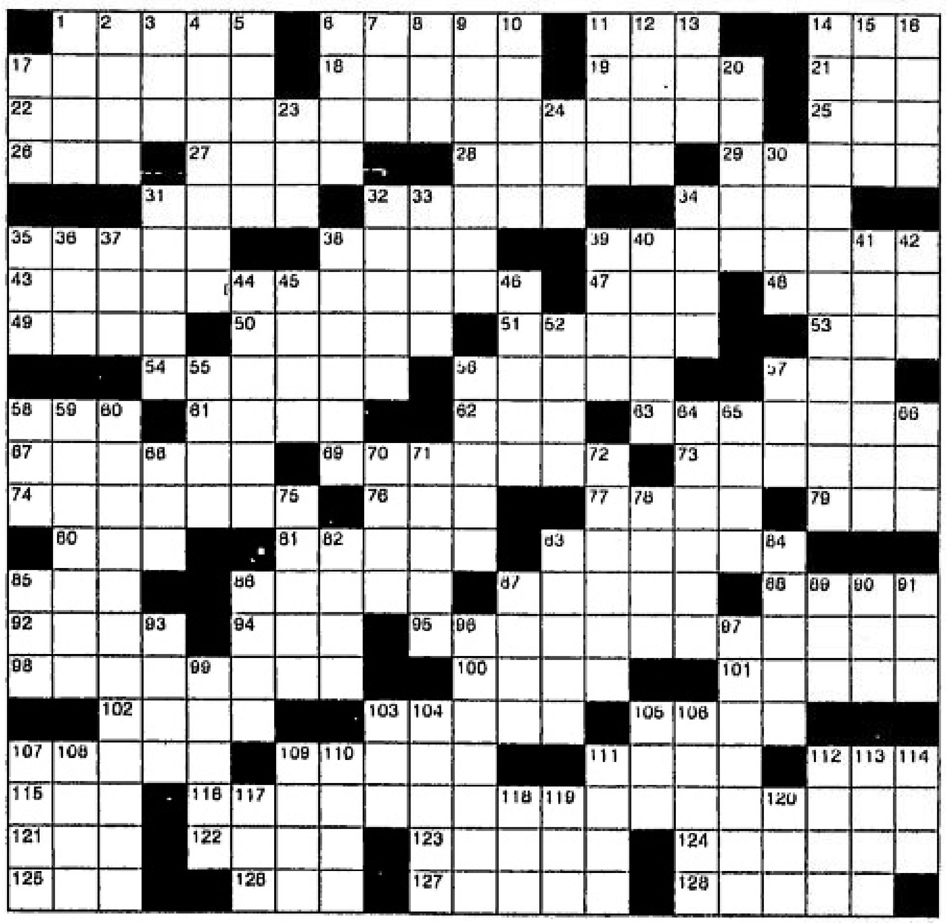

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STANDING, from left: Nenuca Blardony, Pitang Tiongson, Alice Briones, Nori Ongsiako, Marivic Concepcion and Remy Lagman; seated: Myrna Mallari and Naty Aventura.

ULIRANG Ina awardees Teresita Reyes, Virgie Barbers, Fortune Ledesma and Immigration Commissioner Andrea Domingo

Women fulfilled

By Donnie C. Ramirez
Contributor

FORTUNE Aleta-Ledesma is so much more than just one of those high-profile "ladies who lunch." The former beauty queen (she was once Miss Philippines-Luzon) is the honorary consul of Monaco to the Philippines and vice president for operations of the family-owned Ledesco Development Corporation.

Fortune is also one of the moving forces behind the socio-civic groups Catholic Women's Club and Friends for the Cultural Concerns of the Philippines (FCCP). She and her husband, real-estate developer and Bulgaria's honorary consul Rene Ledesma, are unit leaders of Couples for Christ.

Their Tagaytay and Talisay (Batangas) properties are frequent venues for activities of their community. She credits her father, former Nueva Ecija Gov. Amado Aleta, for the early development of her sense of social and spiritual responsibility.

Truly beauty and brains, the glamorous Fortune has been elevated to the Hall of Fame by the Pathfinders group as one of Manila's Best Dressed Women.

One bit of trivia that few people don't know about Fortune: She is an optometrist who graduated cum laude from the Centro Escolar University.

Recently Fortune added another gem to her crown when she was chosen one of this year's Ulirang Ina awardees by the National Mother's Day and Father's Day Foundation of the Philippines Inc. (NMDFDFPI). It is one honor Fortune says she is most proud of because it recognizes her role as a good mother to her three children.

Eldest son RJ, who was the cute and irrepressible "Orange Boy" in a soft-drink commercial some years ago, holds the distinction of being the first Asian to deliver the graduation speech at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he earned his Master's in Real Estate Development. Now the executive vice president of Ledesco, RJ co-anchors the weekend edition of ABS-CBN's "Magandang Umaga, Bayan."

Only daughter Rina, one of Manila's Five Loveliest of 1998, is a language coordinator at her alma mater, Assumption College. She runs a tutorial center on the side.

Youngest child Rico graduated recently from the College of St. Benilde with a degree in Multimedia Arts. The musically inclined Rico, a member of the up-and-coming band Ouido, plans to pursue advance studies in music at the Berklee School of Music in Boston.

Fortune's cup is certainly running over with blessings. "Being an Ulirang Ina awardee is the best thing that happened to me because it convinces me that I've been a great mother to my three children!" she gushes.

This year's Ulirang Ina Award ceremonies were a glittering affair hosted by Baby O'Brien at the Hotel Inter-Continental Manila.

Some of the other awardees were Teresita Reyes, wife of Defense Sec. Angelo Reyes; Virginia Barbers, wife of Sen. Robert Barbers; and Commissioner Andrea Domingo of the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation.

Nedy Tantoco accepted a posthumous award for her mother, the late Rustan matriarch, Gliceria Rustia-Tantoco.

The Ulirang Ina is an annual project of the NMDFDFPI headed by Wilfredo and Leticia Talag. The honor is bestowed on mothers from various walks of life who raise and nurture their children to be God-fearing, honest, hardworking, disciplined and productive members of the community. This year's honorary chair was Supreme Court Justice Consuelo Ynares-Santiago, while the keynote speaker was Sen. Robert Barbers, represented by his son Rep. Robert Ace Barbers.

Mission Accomplished

Another fulfilled lady is philanthropist Pitang Lopez-Tiongson, who recently realized one of her dreams. A weekend resident of Tagaytay, she always wanted to build a new altar for the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, where she and husband Ric go for Sunday Mass.

On her last birthday, she asked her friends not to bring her gifts and instead donate to her project. A few weeks before Holy Week, Pitang saw her dream come true.

Thanks to her efforts, the Lady of Lourdes Church now has a simple but elegant altar. Parish priest Fr. Robert San Diego offered a Thanksgiving Mass, paying tribute to Pitang's zeal and dedication in making the new altar a reality.

Motoring to Tagaytay to join the happy event were Pitang's friends who contributed to the completion of the new altar. Among them were sisters-in-law Marivic Araneta-Concepcion and Mely Concepcion-Hechanova, newly named honorary consul of Guatemala Mellie Ablaza, and Pitang's colleagues from the Catholic Women's Club like Myrna Borromeo, Carrie Bautista, Pacita de Guzman, Mabel Abaño, Chit Gohu, Lulu Castañeda, Nene Leonor, Alice Briones, Ana Litton, Thelma Gana, Nori Ongsiako, Nena Casimiro, Fanny Blanco and Erly Gamboa.

> Ledesma's most proud of 'Ulirang Ina' award while Tiongson is happy to achieve a simple goal

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ULIRANG Ina awardee Fortune Ledesma (in terno) with daughter Rina, son Rico, husband Rene and son RJ

REP. ROBERT Ace Barbers.

PHILANTHROPIST Pitang Lopez-Tiongson with Fr. Robert San Diego

At the end of the day

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voyage.

The spirit boat sails over the rainbow to earth, at different stops dropping off children where they are to be born. Before leaving the boat, the souls promise to meet again at some appointed time on the earth.

And they do—except that, now that the veil of oblivion has fallen, they do not remember that they have met before. But they eagerly recount their experiences to one another, how many children, who's the husband, how one has written a book, how another is taking care of a retarded child, how another is about to migrate.

In the course of their lives on earth they meet a lot of other people they've been with in heaven, or in previous lives—close friends, a former sweetheart, a child, a grandmother, a priest who was kind.

Only they don't remember having met before. The oblivion of memory is necessary, for if we remembered every traumatic moment in all our previous lives—like one's frightful death by, say, drowning or murder, the burning of one's house, the collapse of a business, a failed relationship—we would be in shock and distraught, unable to function.

Being of Love

And so we live our lives, and now we are ready to go back. We board the same boat we came in. Now we are going home. The big angel gives us back our wings and we are happy to get them back, to experience again the divine without the encumbrance of a body.

The boat goes through the long dark tunnel of death. At the end of it stands an ineffable figure of light. Depending on one's belief, it may be Jesus Christ, Buddha, Mohammed, God, or just a Being of Love. There is nothing fearsome about this figure who simply and unconditionally envelops one in its arms and welcomes one to the region of light.

You see your loved ones waiting just ahead. Surprisingly, there is no judgment. You realize that it is you who are to judge yourself.

Your life passes before your eyes as in the reel of a movie, you experience every act in your life in a flash. Only now you are the receiver of your actions which are doubled in intensity.

You feel every hurtful word and horrible deed you've said or done, and cry in shame and remorse. It is the same with the good deeds. You have crossed the bridge, but there is more ahead, cleansing and purification and other things.

Way station

The age of 70 and upwards are called the Grace Years. It is a bonus period in which to try something we couldn't do when we were raising children or making ends meet. It could be to make a garden, to watch foreign films, to play an instrument, dance, paint, read. And since we are now nearer to heaven, to be open fully to spiritual things.

If you were an active person and into "doing" all of your life, now it is time to just "be." Time to lean back and just breathe in and breathe in. It is (mostly) a quiet time, away from head work and body work. It is now open season for the soul.

One's 70s is a way station, a promontory where you can have a scenic view of life. The years allow us to see the bigger picture and make some sense out of our lives.

Why did one have a relationship that was so difficult—or still is, because one married it? How come one was born poor, supporting 10 children all one's life with never a day of rest? How come one met and lived an exceptionally happy life with someone who died a short time after? Or how come one was given all the comforts of life but not good friends?

Or maybe it's the reverse. Why is one showered with blessing after blessing in old age? Why did another give and give and get nothing while another never gave and got everything? And we come to some conclusion, right or not so right, and some understanding of what life was all about.

Last chance

Some individuals never get over the "injustice" of what life has dealt them. Hard luck is really karma, *utang* and unresolved issues from a past life. There isn't much one can do about karma.

The free choice is probably in how one responds to the situation. Are you going to get stuck in self-pity, bitterness and inaction, or are you going to try your best to make things surmountable?

The Grace Years are a last chance to pay off karma by forgiving or being forgiven or, obliquely, by acts of kindness to others.

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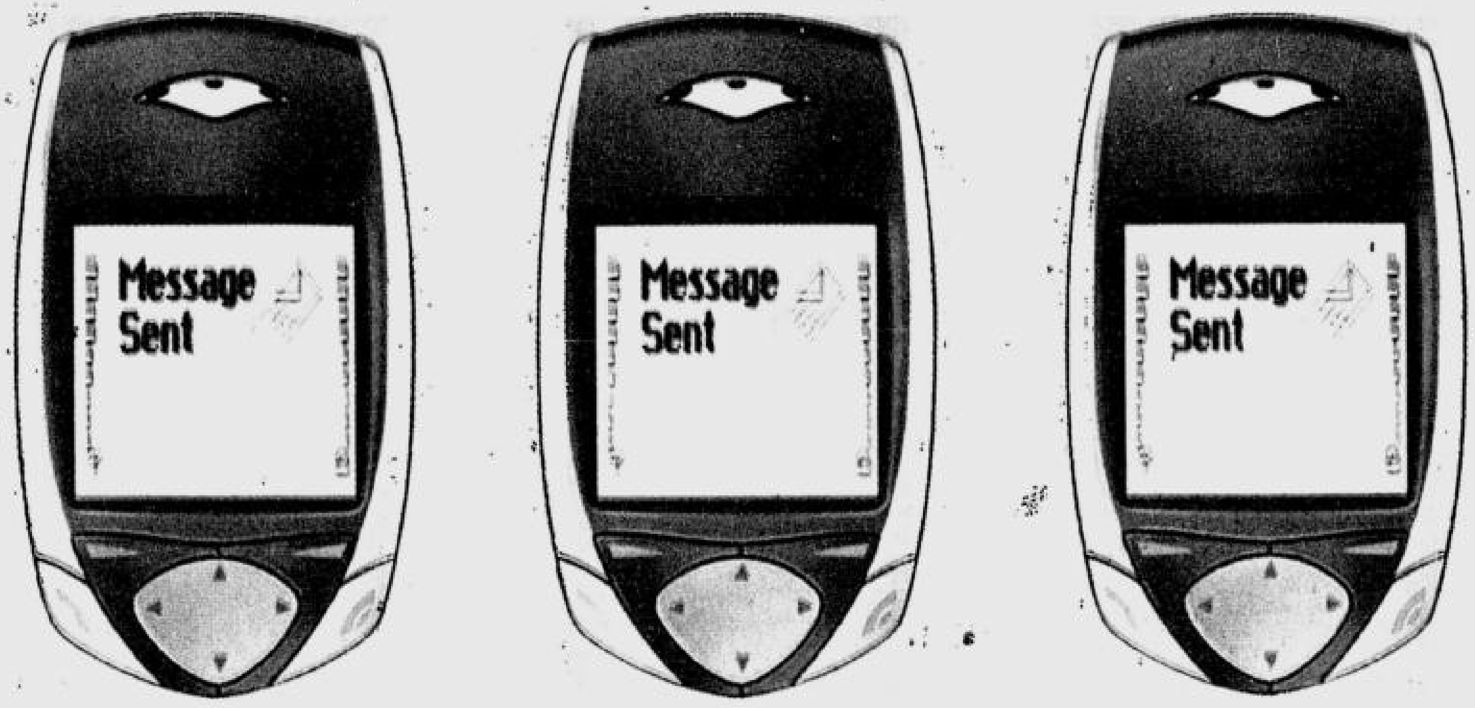

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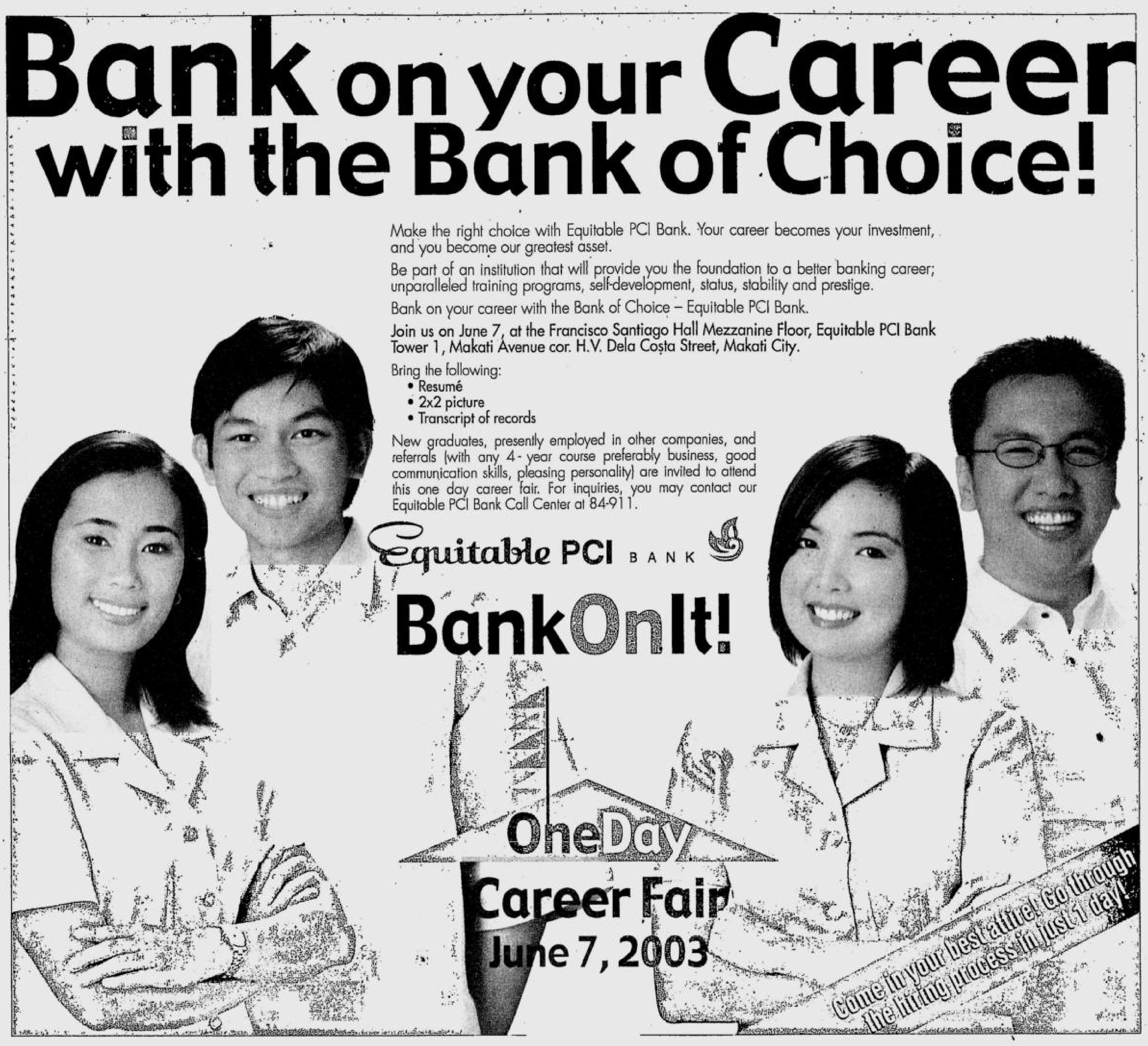

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Qualifications:
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- ➢ Excellent relational, supervisorial, and leadership skills
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- ➢ Excellent organizational and communication skills
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- ➢ Ability to supervise 7–10 staff
- ➢ Clear written and verbal communication skills in languages relevant to the country, as well as fluency in English
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Provides overall spiritual and corporate leadership and management for Compassion's ministry within the country, representing the organization's mandates, values, and directions; manages finance, communications, information, and human resources systems; and ensures that management activities follow Compassion's matrix management guidelines and policies

Qualifications:
- ➢ A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and is above reproach in integrity and honesty Speaks the truth in love
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- ➢ A clear calling to minister to children
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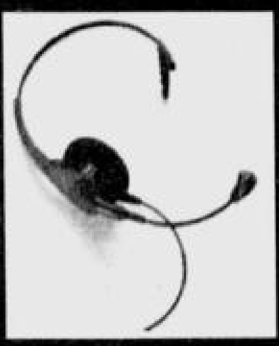

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Human Resources Department
ALLTEL International Resource Management Inc.
16/F Citibank Tower, Valero St. Salcedo Village
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Interested parties meeting strictly the above may send their resumés with photos to:

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EuroCredit Cooperative
Room 209 Sunrise Center
No. 488 Pablo Ocampo St.
Vito Cruz, Manila
Fax No. (02) 524-9201

Note : This is an urgent requirement. CV's received after June 15, 2003 will not be entertained.

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The Responsible Investments for Solidarity and Empowerment (RISE) is a socially responsible microfinance institution that provides loans to poor but enterprising individuals in the Philippines. The General Manager will oversee the company's operations upon the direction of the Country Representative of CRS Philippines and the RISE Board of Directors.

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Qualifications

- o Master's Degree in Business Administration with least four (4) years experience in managing microfinance programs such as Grameen Banking. Ability to develop microfinance proposals for funding a must.
- o Demonstrable capacity and agility in financial analysis and the professional presentation of financial data.
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- o Computer literate in MS Word and Excel with ability to master other microfinance software quickly.
- o Committed to development work; willing and able to travel extensively in remote areas and work independently with minimal supervision.

SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

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Minimum Salary: P45,000 per month

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Qualifications

- o Master's Degree in Management, Development Management, Business Administration, or related specialization. At least ten (10) years experience in managing and implementing social development programs.
- o Excellent financial management skills, particularly centered on budget management from project, program, and country program perspectives.
- o Committed to social development work. Can relate well to members of the Catholic hierarchy, Muslim religious leaders, government officials, and leaders of local/international non-government/private organizations.
- o Excellent oral and written English communication skills particularly in the area of proposal writing.
- o Computer literate in MS Word and Excel. Able to travel in remote areas and work independently with minimal supervision.

Interested individuals must submit an application letter, comprehensive resumé with personal references via e-mail on or before **June 15, 2003** to:

THE HRA MANAGER
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OD Supervisor (Code: OD-Trn)

The OD Supervisor will be responsible for designing, developing, implementing and monitoring of training and OD programs for staff and management levels. The candidates must have sufficient exposure to interactive and integrative approaches to teaching/learning and excellent presentation skills. They must be highly organized, creative and assertive. The ideal candidate must be a university-degree holder in any of the following fields: Psychology, Human Resource Management, Industrial Engineering or Organizational Development. Post Graduate degree/s or units; a knowledge of TQM/ISO processes and an experience with a call center environment are advantages.Candidates between the ages of 25-30 years old, single and who are willing to work shifts are preferred.

Senior/Sales Trainer (Code SST-Trn)

The Senior Sales Trainer will design and conduct training programs on Sales and Customer Service for the trainers, coaches, and team leaders on Sales and Customer Service. He/She will conduct regular on-floor Sales and Customer Service audit or call monitoring sessions and recommend appropriate interventions. The ideal candidates are 25 to 35 years old graduates of Communications/Languages, or Sales/Marketing with above average track record in Sales or Customer Service. He/She must have strong course design, facilitation, and platform skills and at least 3 years corporate training experience gained from a call center and customer support/service environment, or other allied/service oriented industries. Hands-on sales, marketing, customer service, or telemarketing experience in a call center or similar businesses, exposure to the American market/customers, certification in any Sales Training Program, and the ability to speak English with an American accent and/or any European languages is a definite advantage.

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The candidate will be responsible for designing and conducting courses on Communications, Accent and Grammar. She will also facilitate language-coaching sessions and conduct on-floor language audit to capture lapses in language skill. Ideal candidates are 24-35 year-old graduates of HR, Psychology or Communication Languages, preferably female and single, with at least 2 years experience in corporate training and in teaching TOEFL, TESOL, Grammar and/or English as a Second Language (ESL), and/or English as a Foreign Language (EFL). Exposure to the call center industry, certification/s as a Language/Accent/English trainer, an ability to speak any European language or experience in speech or language coaching are definite advantages.

Inbound Trainer (Code: IB-Trn)

The candidate will be responsible for developing and facilitating all programs for inbound accounts. The ideal candidate must be a university-degree holder in any of the following fields: Psychology/Human Resource Management/Communication/Business, with at least 1 year experience as a Senior In-bound Customer Service Representative/Agent. He/She must have proficiency in facilitating, measuring and assessing training needs and results. Other skills would include communicative and experiential approaches to training. Single candidates, between 24-30 years old, with multi-cultural experience who have a working knowledge of Organization Development and quality systems are preferred.

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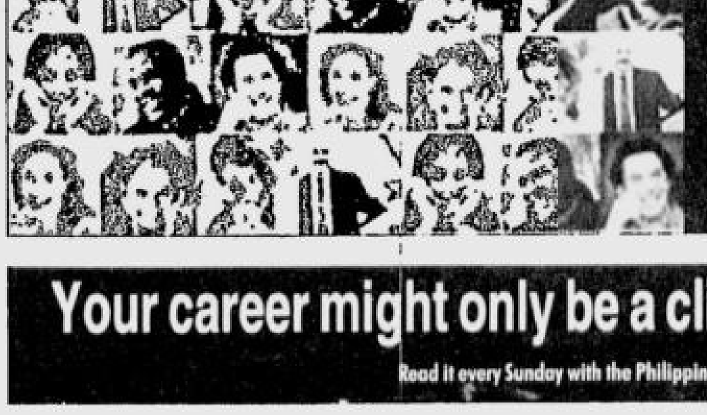

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Head, Guidance & Counseling Office	Holder of an appropriate Bachelor's Degree, with master's degree in Guidance and Counseling, Psychology or any related field, with at least 3 years related work experience, of good moral character, proficient in oral & written communication, computer literate
Guidance Counselor	Holder of an appropriate Bachelor's Degree, with master's degree in Guidance and Counseling, Psychology or any related field, with at least 1 year related work experience, of good moral character, proficient in oral & written communication, computer literate
Electrical Project Consultant/ Supervisor	Graduate of BS Electrical Engineering, licensed Professional Electrical Engineer, with at least 5 years related work experience, good written and oral communication skills, 30-35 years old
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Interested parties who meet the above requirements may apply personally with their resume, ID picture, transcript of records and other pertinent documents at the:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARMENT
363 P.Casal St., Quiapo, Manila
Tel. 734-3631

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Guidance Counselor	Holder of a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, Psychology or any related field, preferably with one (1) year related work experience, proficient in oral and written communication, of good moral character, computer literate
Electrical Project Consultant / Supervisor	Graduate of BS Electrical Engineering, licensed Professional Electrical Engineer, with at least five (5) years related work experience, good written and oral communication skills, 30-35 years old
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Network Specialist	Holder of any Computer related Bachelor's Degree, has experience in Network Structure and design for voice/data, knowledge and experience in implementing ASP model is an advantage, with technical documentation/web design skills, can operate and administer major networking operating system, can configure routers, knowledge and experience in check point administration, knowledge in wireless connection, with at least three (3) years related work experience, good written and oral communication skills
Librarian	Holder of a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science, with appropriate professional license, proficient in oral and written communication, of good moral character, computer literate
Accounting Clerk	Holder of a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, good oral and written communication skills, of good moral character, computer literate
Computer Laboratory Software Specialist	Holder of Computer related Bachelor's degree, preferably with strong knowledge in operating systems, with knowledge in specialized engineering software, network connection, IP addressing and other network protocols, at least one (1) year related work experience, good moral character, proficient in oral and written communication
ECE Laboratory Technician	Holder of Bachelor's degree in ECE/EE or Electronics Technology, with at least one (1) year related work experience, good in oral and written communication, of good moral character, computer literate

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Attn : Marketing Manager
1202 West Tower, Philippine Stock Exchange Center,
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- Male, a Mechanical Engineer, with more than 8 years of managerial experience in sales/marketing of Air conditioning systems and units, HVAC products
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TEAM ASIA CORPORATION
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- ☐ Bachelor's degree holder, with at least 3 years managerial and/or 5 years Supervisory experience in retail business
- ☐ Excellent organizational and people-handling skills
- ☐ Computer literate and highly results/sales oriented/creative/dynamic
- ☐ A team leader with passion for results
- ☐ Experienced in operational cost control/store productivity essential

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The HRMD
Cinderella Marketing Corporation
#825 EDSA, Quezon City
or e-mail at
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- * Male or Female, not more than 40 yrs. old
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- * With good scholastic record
- * Must have experience in marketing of Consumer Products
- * Must be proficient in oral & written communication skills

Please send resumé, transcript of records and passport size photo to:

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The Project Co-Directors
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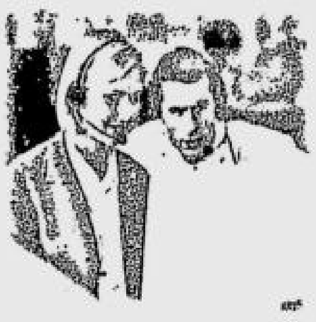

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The WHSMP~PC works in close collaboration with its partners–the DOH Centers for Health Development, LGUs and NGOs–to improve the health and status of women, through the use community health development techniques which enable women at the barangay level to identify and articulate their health needs and be involved in developing and implementing plans to achieve positive changes for health.

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Qualifications:
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The candidate must have a solid grounding and experience in social marketing; extensive experience in IEC and Advocacy work in the community; be gender-sensitive and aware of community health/development issues; be proficient in DTP; graphics design savvy; have excellent writing and editing skills; be fluent in cebuano; willing to travel extensively to Project areas; and graduate of a four-year course in Communications or Social Sciences.

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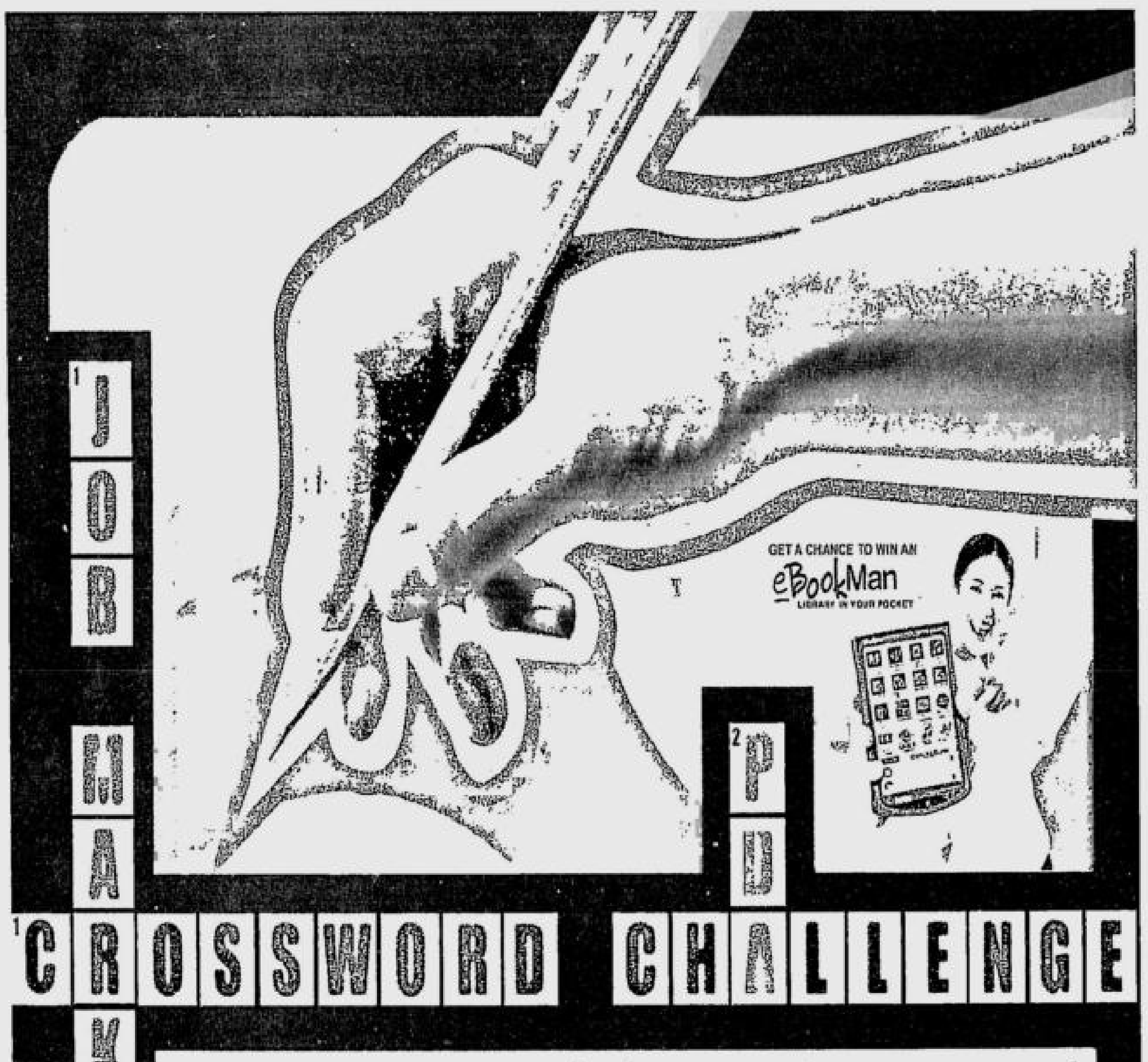

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4. The same puzzle, questions and entry form can also be found in the jobmarketonline website from Monday to Thursday of the following week
5. To join through jobmarketonline, visitors must print out the puzzle/entry form found on the website and fill it up manually. Only printed versions of the said puzzle/entry form are valid. No photocopies allowed
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By Cathy Goodwin

FEELING trapped by lack of funds? We can learn from those who live comfortably and retire early. They use language differently from those who are stuck in a scarcity process.

1. Banish the word "expensive" from your vocabulary. Replace with, "That's not a priority for me." "Expensive" is relative.

In my town, a group of people gets together every day for coffee and conversation. My neighbor, Jane, refuses to participate, "Two dollars for a cup of coffee? " she sniffs. "Expensive!"

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2. Banish the sentence "I can't afford it." Replace with, "That's on my wish list." Adding an item to your official wish list makes a statement. Do you really want a new car, kitchen set or vacation? Or do you realize you already have what you "can't afford?"

Looking around my eclectic collection of living room furniture, I can dream of spending lavishly for designer furniture, ceramic artwork and crystal lamps. I also know these items will never appear on my wish list.

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Regardless of politics, many of us empathized when the wife of newly-elected Governor Jeb Bush admitted, "When you have pets, you can't have an elegant home."

Saying "can't afford" puts you in a one-down position. Creating a wish list generates abundance and clarifies values. I'd put "three cats and two dogs" on my wish—but not "designer furniture."

3. Forbid all talk about what you don't have. Replace with appreciation for what you enjoy now.

Hortensia complains about her lack of money. True, her salary is not high by any standards—but her job offers security, generous vacation time, and excellent retirement benefits. Her location allows her to hike in the woods and fish in the lakes.

An image of abundance will enhance your strengths. Most of us have more than we realize—in real as well as abstract terms. I encourage clients to meet with a financial planner, especially if they're facing experiencing career transition. Often a professional review helps people realize they're better off than they realized.

Talking your way to financial freedom—simple? Yes, but effective. Try these steps for a week and notice a difference—first in your thoughts, soon in your life.

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Top 10 things to do when you're told, 'You are the workplace bully!'

By Ruth Hadikin

NOBODY expects it. We hear about bullying and we sympathize with the victim, but we never expect that someone will ever say to us: "You are the workplace bully!" Unbelievable? But what will you do? Here are 10 suggestions to help you.

1. Stay calm. Ranting at others will only become a self-fulfilling prophecy. It's like when someone asks 'why are you so mad?' Even if you weren't, the question makes you mad! Stay calm and listen carefully to the allegations made against you. You will have your opportunity to respond to them.

2. Have representation. Never meet with management alone. Always take a representative with you as a witness. If you are being disciplined seek advice from your trade union or professional association.

3. Record everything. Keep a record of everything that is said and done, sign and date it.

4. Cultivate a support network. Spend time with people who really love, support and appreciate you. Develop an inner circle. Identify those people who inspire and energize you. Commit to spending more time with them. It is important that you have people around who can support you and are testimony to your character.

5. Invest in some coaching around this. Work with a coach to fine-tune your interpersonal skills so you become lighter, more confident and less aggressive. Become someone who people love to work with.

6. Stress reduction techniques, even if it's just 15 minutes a day to relax or meditate. Pay attention to your stress levels and put a structure in place to manage your daily stress so that you don't explode at those around you.

7. Training in interpersonal skills and assertiveness. Make sure you know how to be assertive without being aggressive. Learn how to be an effective communicator. Listen at least as much as you talk.

8. Become self-aware. Before you speak or act ask yourself: What is my motivation? Are you trying to get something done by controlling others? Have you lost your temper? Pay attention to how you 'show up' at work.

9. Seek professional therapy if necessary. You may realize that you are aggressive. You may know that you experience violent outbursts that scare you but you feel out of control.

10. Be open and determined to change. You may know you are a bully but believe it is your basic character and that you cannot change. Untrue. You do not have to be 'a bully' for life just because you were once. People can change with the right help and support. You can be an effective, supportive and 'light' colleague or manager who is fun to work with. Yes, you can! Go for it.

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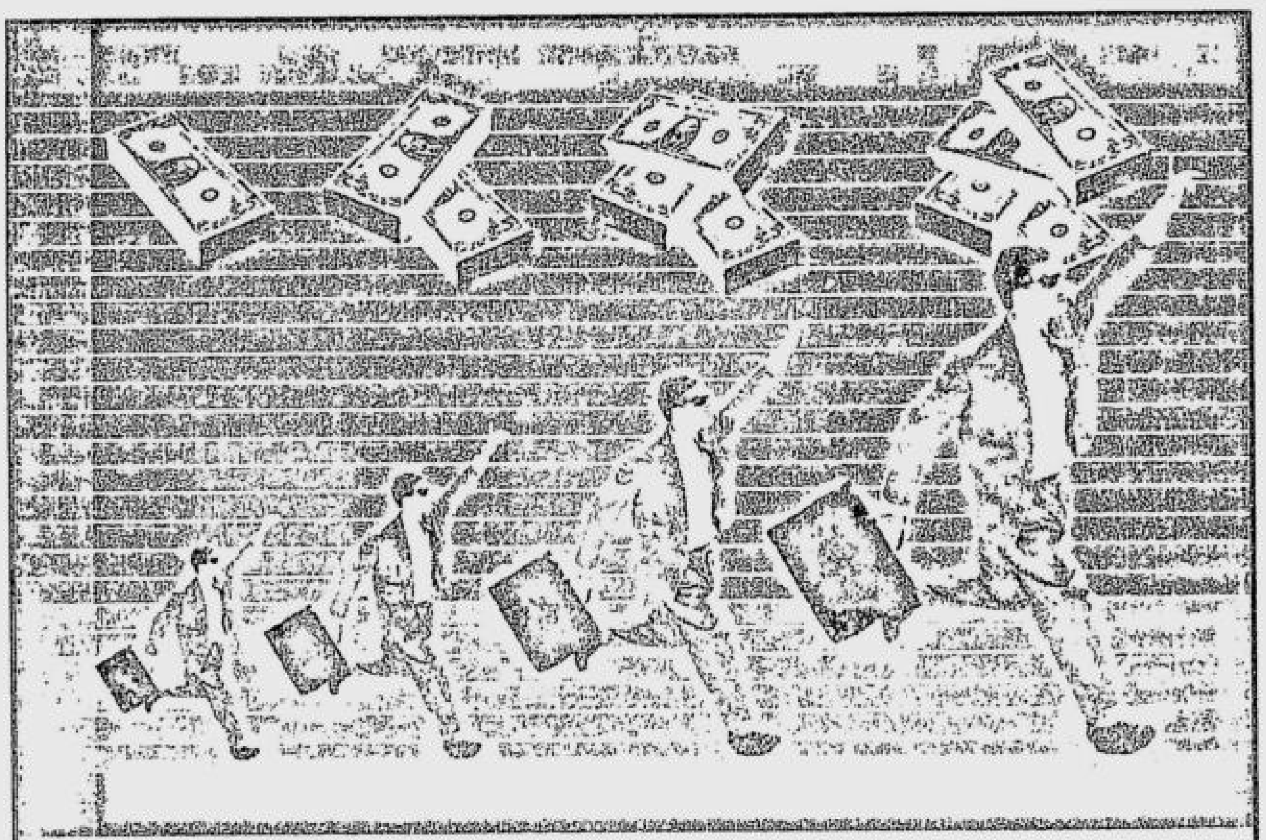

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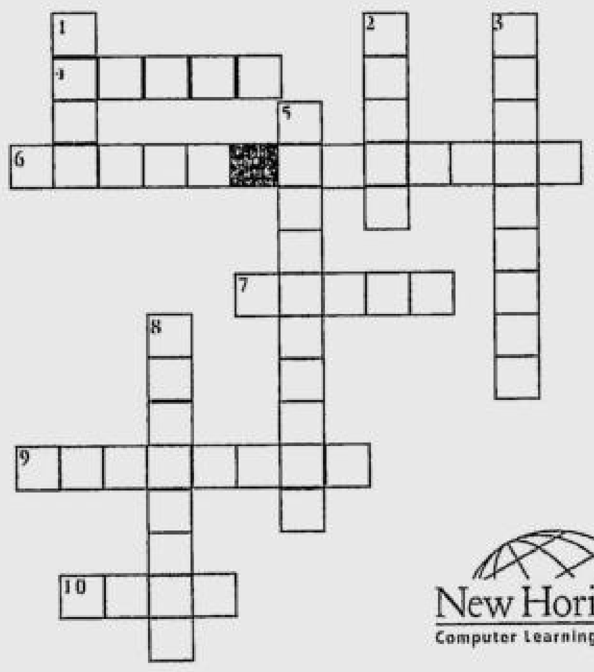

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Confidence enables HR exec to face challenges

HR Focus

By Maricris Irene Valera

HER stance radiates warmth and sincerity. And with a smile that sets you free from inhibition, Cecille May Moreno takes your guard down and makes you feel at ease. She works for First Pacific Davies Savills, an international property consultant company along Paseo de Roxas in Makati as HR associate director.

On the job for three years now, she exercises authority by giving the employees the proper counseling they need. She says she is strict. Before anybody is hired, she explains the company's policies and procedures well, including the contract clauses. "I make them understand how failure or delinquency affects the company," she says. "Some of the valid grounds for verbal reprimand or observation are insubordination, habitual tardiness, loafing around and poor performance." Her other work responsibilities include documentation, review of compensation, and recruitment while monitoring the employer-employee relationship.

Breaking barriers

Moreno considers her job a dynamic one, the kind that needs a friendly personality with the charm of a confident woman. However, she says she does this without losing integrity or compromising professionalism. She recognizes that her job deals a lot with relationships. It talks about breaking the barriers of communication to reach out to her subordinates and superiors as well.

She says that part of her job is to drive each person to excellence. For every project, she allows her people to have enough space. "I hand them down the objectives and the desired results, and after some time, I do a follow-up," she explains. Moreno gives room for limitations. She persuades them to be resourceful and creative to further explore their competencies. She also wants her people to be comfortable with her. "I allow them to call me by my first name."

Shaping lives

Moreno believes that work gives one dignity and self-esteem because it showcases his or her talents and skills. However, it is not the "be all and end all," she says. Similarly, she says that experiences shape one for bigger challenges in the future. And since training people has become her greatest challenge, she decided to provide their employees a career path. "We have employees who moved from a low position to a higher level. By grooming them, we develop their talents and initiative while giving them a chance to appreciate the business more in general terms," she adds.

Moreno communicates with her people well. She addresses every problem amicably. She talks to her people and respects their opinions. She has never been belligerent when approaching a subordinate who committed a mistake. When she gets out of the office, she is a friend to them. But, of course, everybody understands their accountabilities, she says. "What I do hate is gossiping," the associate director stressed. "When backstabbing gets out of hand, I settle it in a nice way." She adds that incompetence irritates her as well as gross negligence.

MORENO

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Work experience

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities, major in Political Economy from the University of Asia and the Pacific, Moreno gained her present position based on her extensive training under Direct Founders, a financing company, where she worked for over five years.

Her work experience in the company allowed her to acquaint herself with different corporate departments. She started as management trainee in May 1994 in the credit investigation section before moving to its sales and marketing department as an account executive. A year later, she was transferred to the operations department and eventually moved to the HR section.

On January 2000, she received an offer for an HR position from Jonathan Hannam, former regional director of FPD Savills and now managing director, upon the recommendation of a friend.

Focused

She says that at the outset, she encountered some difficulties. But she executed her duties with focus, taking into mind the process of expansion, job evaluation, performance analysis and company policies. "I do my work day by day," she says. "I have major goals but I break them down into more specific tasks."

This lady meets with the management committee twice a month. Her day starts by attending seminars and scheduled meetings and checking her email. After work, she goes to the gym. She spends free time networking with other professionals.

Moreno's main goal right now is to grow in her career and share her expertise in the industry. She says that the value she brought to the company will give her a fair assessment. "When you do your work well, it will show, and rewards will never be far away," she says. "You just have to prove yourself. If you really love your job, improvement must be a natural thing."

Reader's dilemma...

(From page M14)

so that your family is not adversely affected by the shift.

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The beauty of this age is the entry of lifelong learning. A person's age does not matter, one can be in his twenties or fifties and the opportunity to learn and study continues to be worthwhile. After all by 2010 it is predicted that people can get to live to a 100 years because medical breakthroughs will find cures to major life threatening diseases. At your age, you can pursue a new career with much confidence.

Finally, a word of caution. If you consider migrating, do it with the entire family in tow. Often there is a social cost to separation from the family that may strain relationships. I propose you balance all these considerations before making the decision to migrate. Whatever option you pursue, may you find the financial and spiritual happiness you seek.

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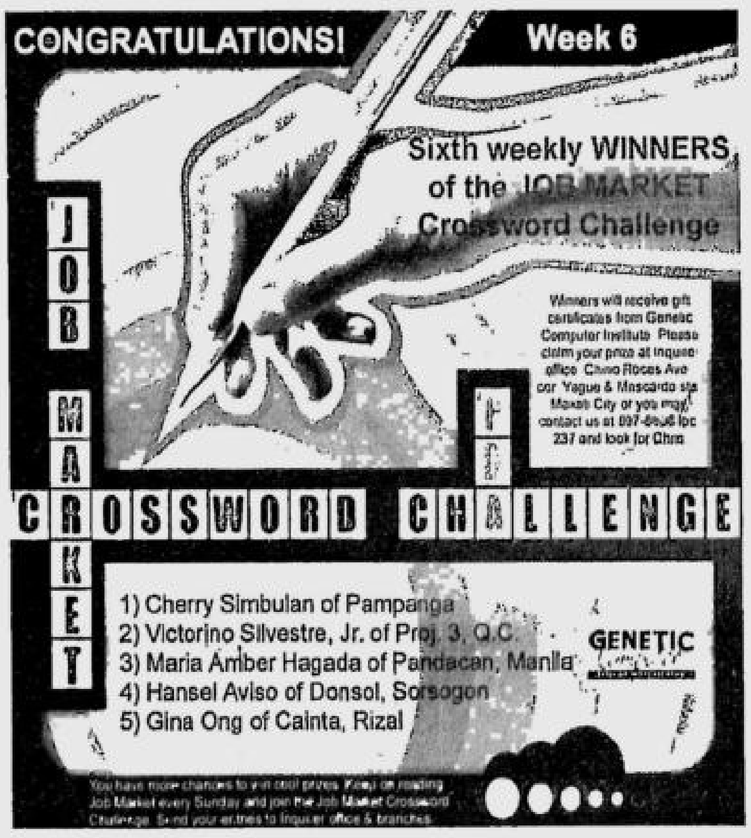

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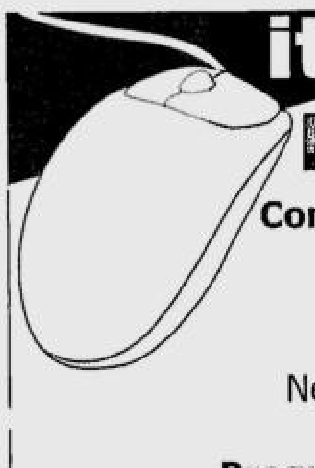

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Advice
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I LIKE reading your articles, especially those dealing with career moves. But now it seems I am the one in need of advice. I currently work for the family business and the business today is rather slow. We are greatly affected by the recent Asian economic slump but still we are managing.

I am 27 years old, married and blessed with three beautiful kids. Because of the business slow down, I am starting to have doubts if I really have the business mind.

You see my primary dream, before the call of marriage and fatherhood was to be a doctor. Now, I am seriously considering taking up nursing and migrating to greener pastures. I would not mind getting my hands dirty becoming an employee or studying again.

My thinking is, I have to go were the money is. At the moment, all I am concerned about is my family's financial and spiritual happiness. Do you think this is a wise move? I would rather be an employee who earns rather than an employer who constantly worries whether or not the business is profitable. Am I just being pessimistic or are my concerns valid?

Uncertain Entrepreneur

Based on your letter, it is difficult for me to discern the logic of your business, whether or not in the short- or medium-term it will continue to turn a profit. As Michael Porter would say, every industry has its set of competitive forces. How profitable the business will depend on the five forces of customers, suppliers, competitors, new entrants and substitutes and how they interrelate with one another. Other industries are clearly more profitable than others.

But as you said the Asian downturn has affected your business adversely. Why don't you check yourself and your business against the ingredients of a successful business? Or use the following criteria to examine what area your business is failing and take the needed remedial measures.

Nine F's

William Bygrave in his book MBA in Entrepreneurship writes of the nine F's of a successful business. His first F is for the founder having the traits of an entrepreneur. Then, focus, entrepreneurial companies focus on niche markets, they specialize. Three, fast, they make decisions quickly and implement them swiftly. Four, flexible, they keep an open mind, responding to change. Five, forever innovating, they are tireless innovators. Six, flat, they are entrepreneurial organizations with as few layers of management as possible. Seven, frugal, by keeping overhead low and productivity high, entrepreneurial organizations keep costs down. Eight, friendly, entrepreneurial companies are friendly to their customers, suppliers and workers. Nine, fun, it is fun to be associated with an entrepreneurial company.

If some of these ingredients are no longer present in your business, and you think you no longer have the passion or energy to pursue the family business, then it is time to consider options. What is critical is to manage the transition

READER'S/M12

From the PaW Editor

DUE to space limitations of this section and the time constraints of the writer, the series of articles on "Marketing Brand You" will appear on a monthly, rather than on a weekly basis. Requests for career advice to be answered through this section may still be sent to *rreyes@inquirer.com.ph*.

Meantime, we hope you enjoy Tita Datu Puangco's Advice for the Anxious Person at Work which moved from the Wednesday edition of People at Work to Sunday People at Work. Her column shall appear weekly starting today.

The art of the information interview

WORKING WOUNDED
Bob Rosner

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DEAR WW: It's time for me to start job hunting. Unfortunately my job doesn't give me many chances to network. A co-worker suggested I do some information interviews, but that feels so awkward to me. I don't even know where to begin.

Friends In All The Wrong Places

Tango, mambo, limbo and disco—I've danced them all. But the trickiest dance of all is the "information interview two-step." You don't have to be a dancing fool to know that a collision is in the air when both dancers try to lead.

And that's usually what happens when Ms. Inside is eager to get back to work, and Mr. Outside's trying to squeeze out every minute he can. Information interviews have gotten people great jobs, though-and I'm speaking from experience. Sure, I've sent out resumes, too. But they've never produced the same result. When you network, you often hear about jobs before they're listed. Warning: an information interview is not a job interview. The point is to target people who might have ideas about where you should look for a job and to pick their brains and get leads.

There are lots of books on networking. But as Tom Waits sings, "fishing for a good time starts with throwing in your line." Troll through your rolodex and pull out everyone you respect. Hook other contacts from friends, co-workers, and family. Don't be shy. The longer your list, the better your chances of reeling in the perfect job. Then, before you pick up the phone, consider the following:

How can I get the person's attention? Try to get the person on the phone directly, rather than leaving a message. 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. are the best times to call because the secretary is often not in. My favorite icebreaker is, "Joe Smith suggested we meet. Do you have 30 minutes in the next six weeks?"

Rehearse short answers to the pertinent questions they'll probably ask: Who are you? Why do you want to meet? Why do you think I can help you? Two keys to getting the person to say yes: make her feel flattered by your request, and make her feel that she's calling the shots about the meeting (when to meet, for how long, etc.).

Can you do homework before you meet? Anyone worth meeting is worth preparing for. You're meeting with this person because you want to pick his brains about a particular company or industry, so check out newspaper articles, annual reports, sales brochures-anything that will give you background and help you frame useful, intelligent questions. You want to prove that you are smart, worth his time, and worth giving tips to.

Can you keep it on schedule? Time is precious, especially when it belongs to someone else. So keep it to the 30 minutes requested. It should go longer only at your host's suggestion.

Can you avoid the hard sell? This is an "information" interview. Let your host do most of the talking. No pushing or pleading.

Can you remember to say thank you? Your interviewees are giving you something valuable: their time. The least you can do is send a note to thank them. Another way to say "thanks" is to keep them posted on the progress you make with the leads they gave you, and to let them know when you land a job.

No one has better summed up the spirit of the information interview better than Blanche Dubois, who said, "I've always depended on the kindness of strangers." If you follow the tips above, at least one of the people you meet may not be a stranger for long.

(Mr. Rosner is the author of "The Boss's Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, a speaker and founder of the award-winning Working Wounded.com and Retention Evangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@workingwounded.com.*)*

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Pinoy OCWs, evangelizers?

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

ANYWHERE in the world you go—particularly in Europe where they have magnificent but empty cathedrals—you'll see Filipino OCWs filling up Catholic churches on Sundays, as well as on Wednesdays ("Baclaran" exported), and even on Fridays (for Sacred Heart or Quiapo's Nazareno devotions). In Hong Kong, Chinese kids tag along when their Pinoy nannies hear mass. In Italy, Pinoy DHs enliven local church-related activities like bible studies, cenacles, choir singing, fiesta celebrations, and even their own Santacruzan. In the United States, as in Germany, France or Canada, it's common to find Pinoys holding hands (!) and singing "*Ama Namin*" at mass.

In a way, one could say that Filipino workers are indeed "going out into the whole world and proclaiming the gospel to every creature." In fact, Pinoys who go abroad in search of greener pastures have been sometimes hailed by certain Church VIPs as "the new evangelizers," and "third millennium missionaries."

This is not to belittle Pinoy piety, but you and I know that proclaiming the good news takes much more than mass attendance and cauldrons of *dinuguan* and *pansit* donated at church socials. The fire that tries the gold of the Filipino worker's soul abroad is to be found in their labor: Are they conscientious workers? Are they charitable to peers and employers alike? How do they cope with loneliness? How do they handle newfound wealth? In short, anywhere they go and whatever these workers do, do we see "the Lord working with them?"

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Gospel Mark 16:15-20
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Apostles in the workplace

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

IF YOU were a manager, would you send a group of janitors to market the products and services of your company? I bet you would call it a crazy idea, to say the least. Yet Jesus commissioned a bunch of fishermen and simple, ordinary folks whom He selected from the crowd to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Jesus isn't crazy in giving the command to His followers and all men of good will, to spread the "gospel" (which literally means, "good news") to the whole world.

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Ed Cabagnot Goes Back to School

How this free-spirited filmmaker and teacher braved younger professors and even younger classmates, and went back to school to finish his college degree after 25 years—proof that you can never be too old to learn

By Eric S. Caruncho
Photographs by Egay Montana

T'S hard enough dragging your butt back to school after the brief relative freedom of summer break. How much harder would it be if you were pushing 50, had been happily entrenched in your career for the last two decades, and the last time you sat in a classroom was 25 years ago?

Last year, Ed Cabagnot, 49, did just that. According to him, it wasn't hard at all.

This is his story.

It began in 1977, when Cabagnot decided to drop out of his Philosophy course at the University of the Philippines.

"In 1977 I was already seven years in UP, and I had shifted twice, from Business Management to Architecture, then to Philosophy," recalls Cabagnot, who is currently officer-in-charge of the Cultural Center of the Philippines' film department and an instructor in film at the College of St. Benilde.

Like many young people, Cabagnot had entered college without knowing exactly what it was he wanted to do with his life. He had vague ideas of becoming an artist, but back then, as now, parents disapproved of their sons taking Fine Arts. Both of Cabagnot's parents were lawyers in government

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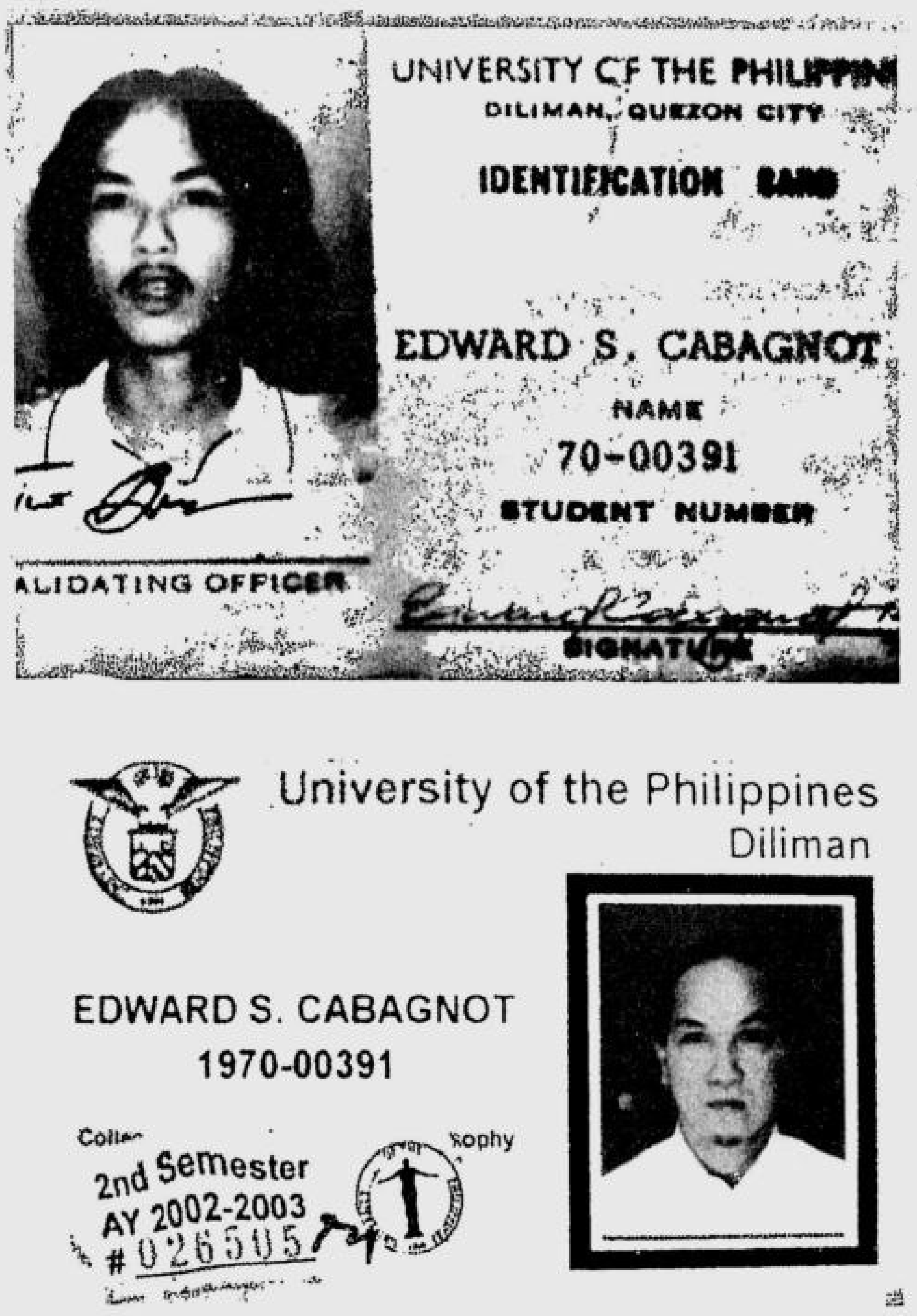

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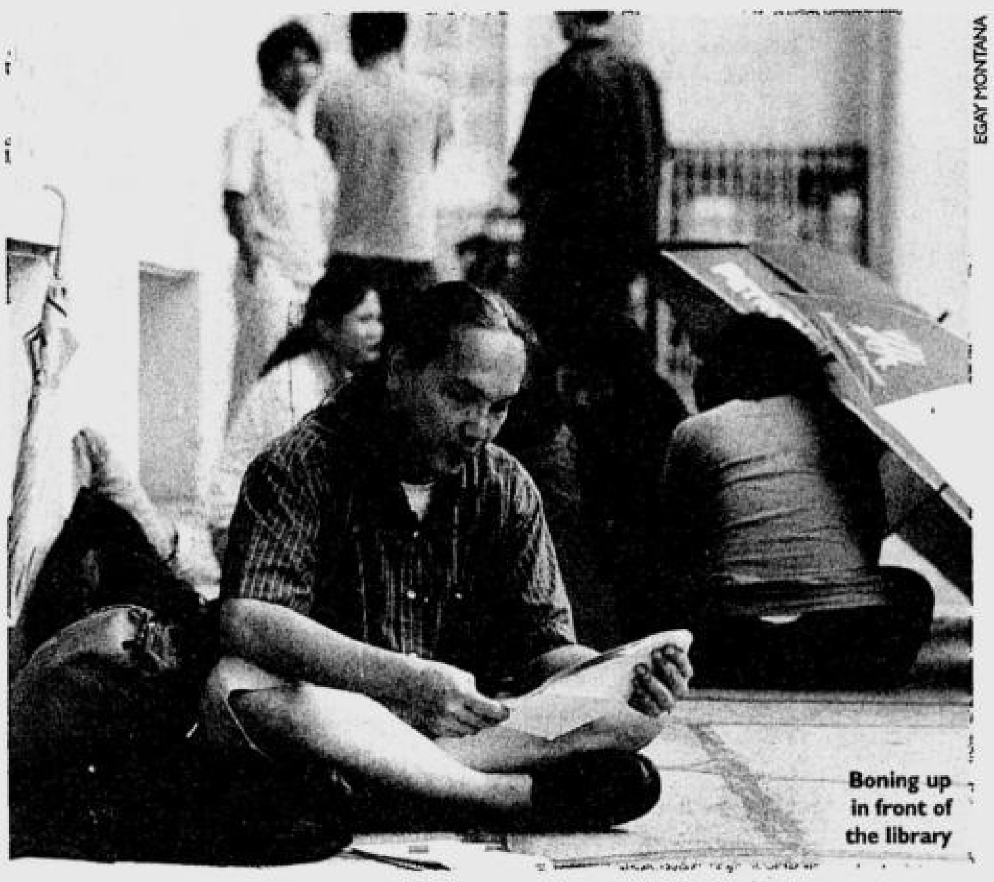

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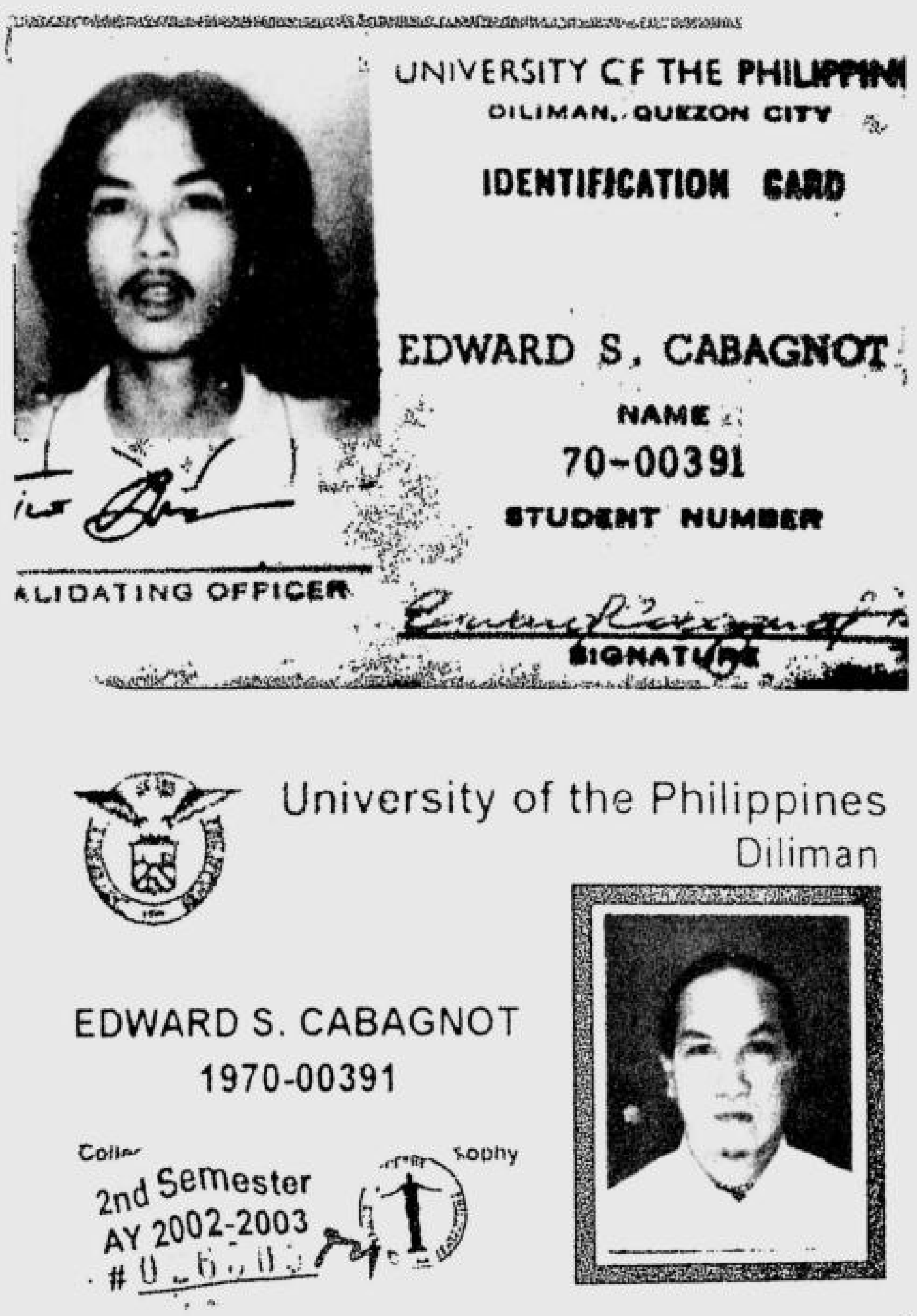

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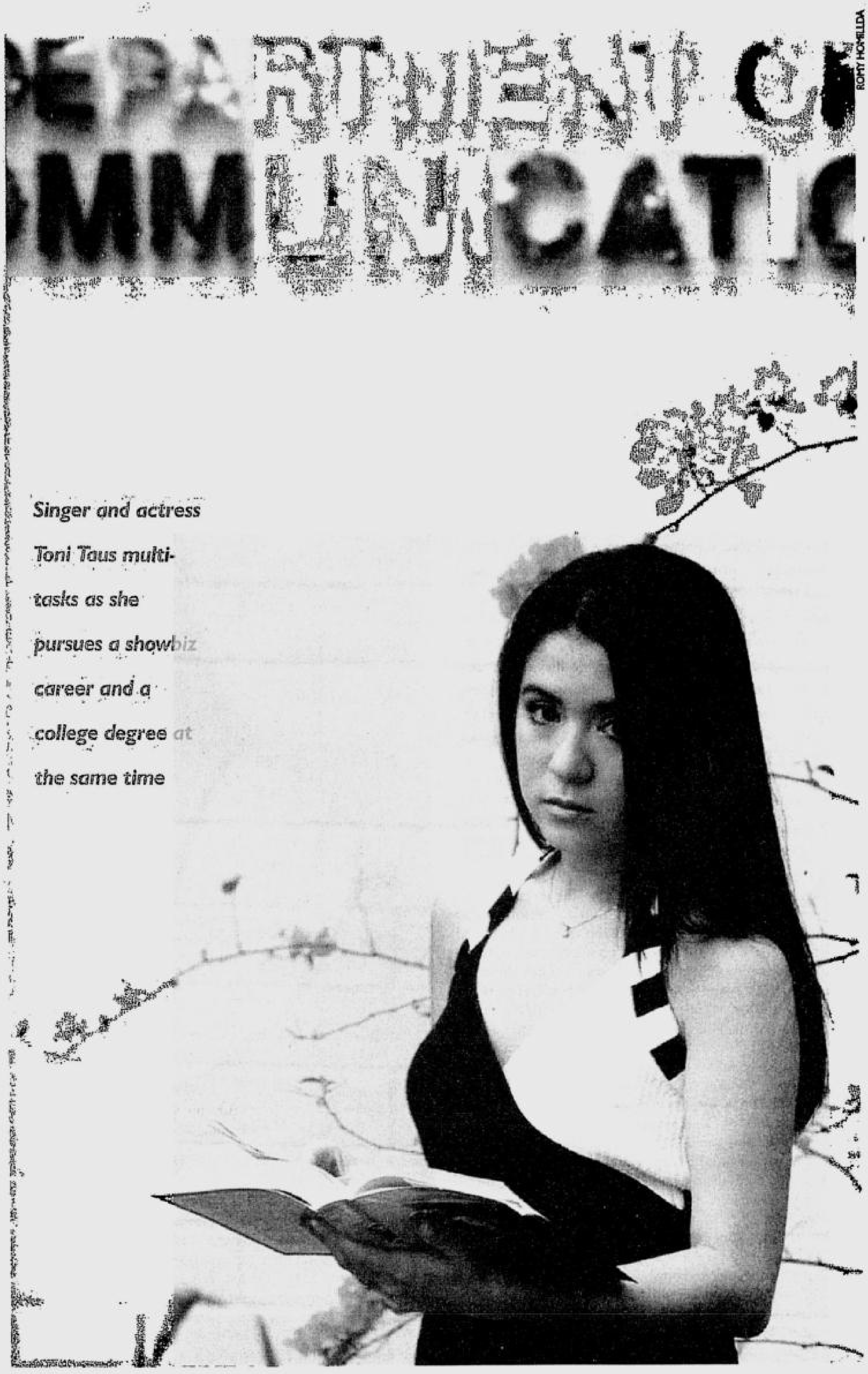

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Then again, Toni is used to the fast-paced life. Being an irregular senior at the Ateneo de Manila University, where she is taking up Communication, she has learned to juggle not just movie scripts, TV guestings and photo shoots but also papers, exams and seemingly impossible deadlines. "I try to be," she laughs, when asked if she considers herself a good student. "Every semester I try to make it to the dean's list. I came close many times, and for me it's almost the same thing!"

That's pretty remarkable, considering how she once thought she didn't even pass the entrance exams. "I only took the Ateneo exam, no other test!" she exclaims, her bright eyes magnifying the strength of her voice. "Make or break *talaga!* If I don't get in, *patay.* Luckily I got in. I wanted to take exams at other schools just in case but I was too late for their entrance tests."

Taking up Communication wasn't part of her plans. This veteran of both stage and screen was originally pursuing a political science degree to pave the way for a future career in law, but she shifted to her present course just two years ago. "I decided I might as well take up something in line with my work now." She took several courses in production, including directing and writing her own film under Marilou Diaz-Abaya herself, who teaches at the Ateneo's Communication department.

But that doesn't mean she's ready to trade in the glitz and glamour of being on-cam for the director's chair. "Not now. My main concern really is to finish my studies first." That, she said, will come in two or three years' time. "In the meantime, I'm still enjoying school."

She could very well be the last person you'd expect to hear those words from. Being a student is demanding enough; a typical school week for Toni means attending 12 classes, four of them on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Add a career in showbiz, and you get a schedule that's as crazy as the plots of prime-time telenovelas. "Sometimes I finish taping at 8 a.m. and I have a class at 9. I just go home, take a shower and I go straight to school. I've never been the type to fall asleep in class." Even more surprising, Toni professes to have never received any special treatment from her fellow students, and

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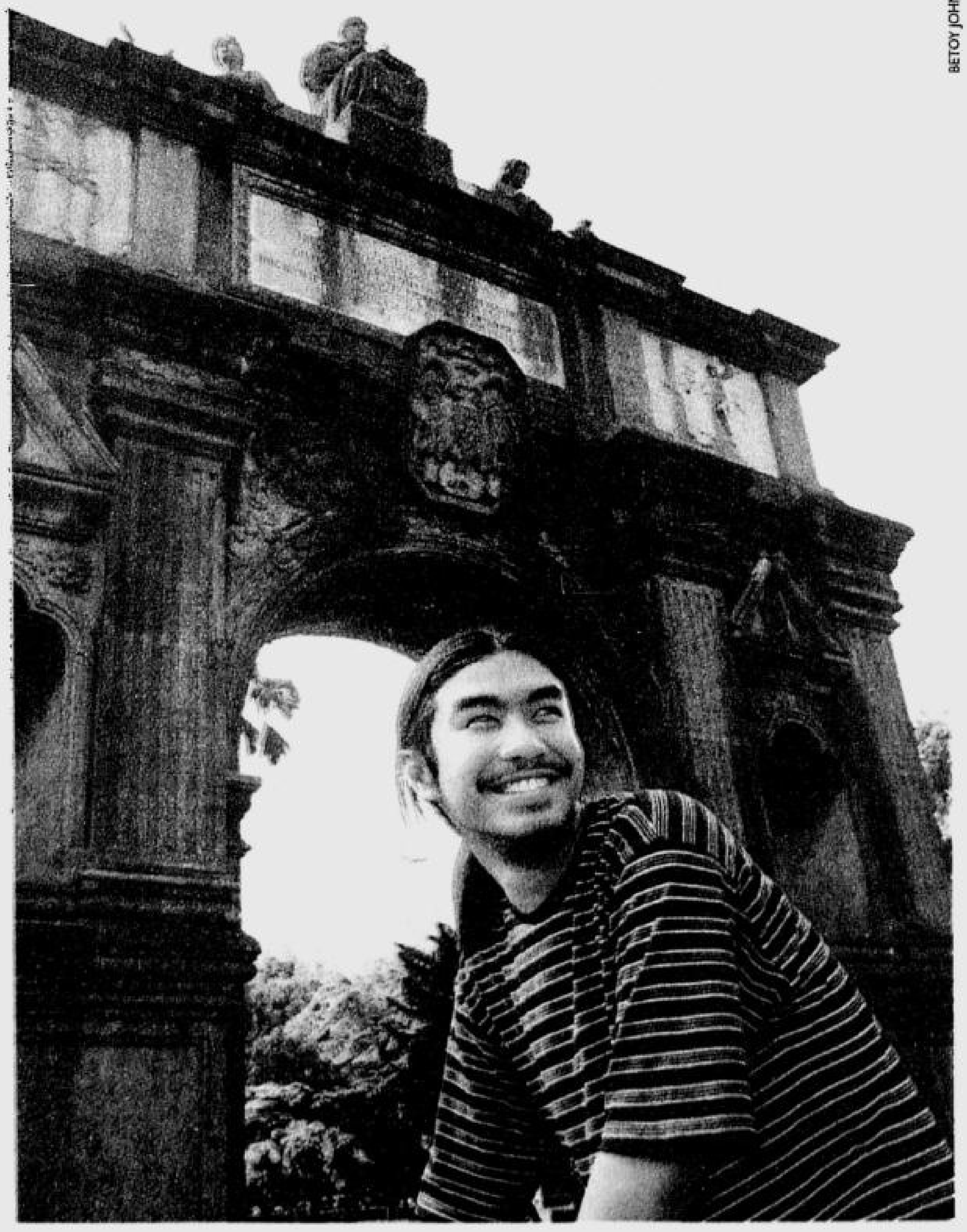

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The Writer's Life

By Abigail Austriaco

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DESPITE appearances, Angelo V. Suarez isn't an actor gunning for the lead role in "Jesus Christ Superstar." He is more likely to be writing the lines for the performance.

Everything else about Angelo is extraordinary. He is barely old enough to imbibe alcohol; he will not be seeing casino doors swing open for him anytime soon. Yet this young poet's name echoes beyond his university's campus to the mainstream literary scene as one of our most promising writers.

Currently taking Literature at the University of Santo Tomas (UST), Angelo found a haven for his gifts to grow. Shortly after entering college, the young writer quickly began morphing from a rookie to a seasoned player in the writing arena.

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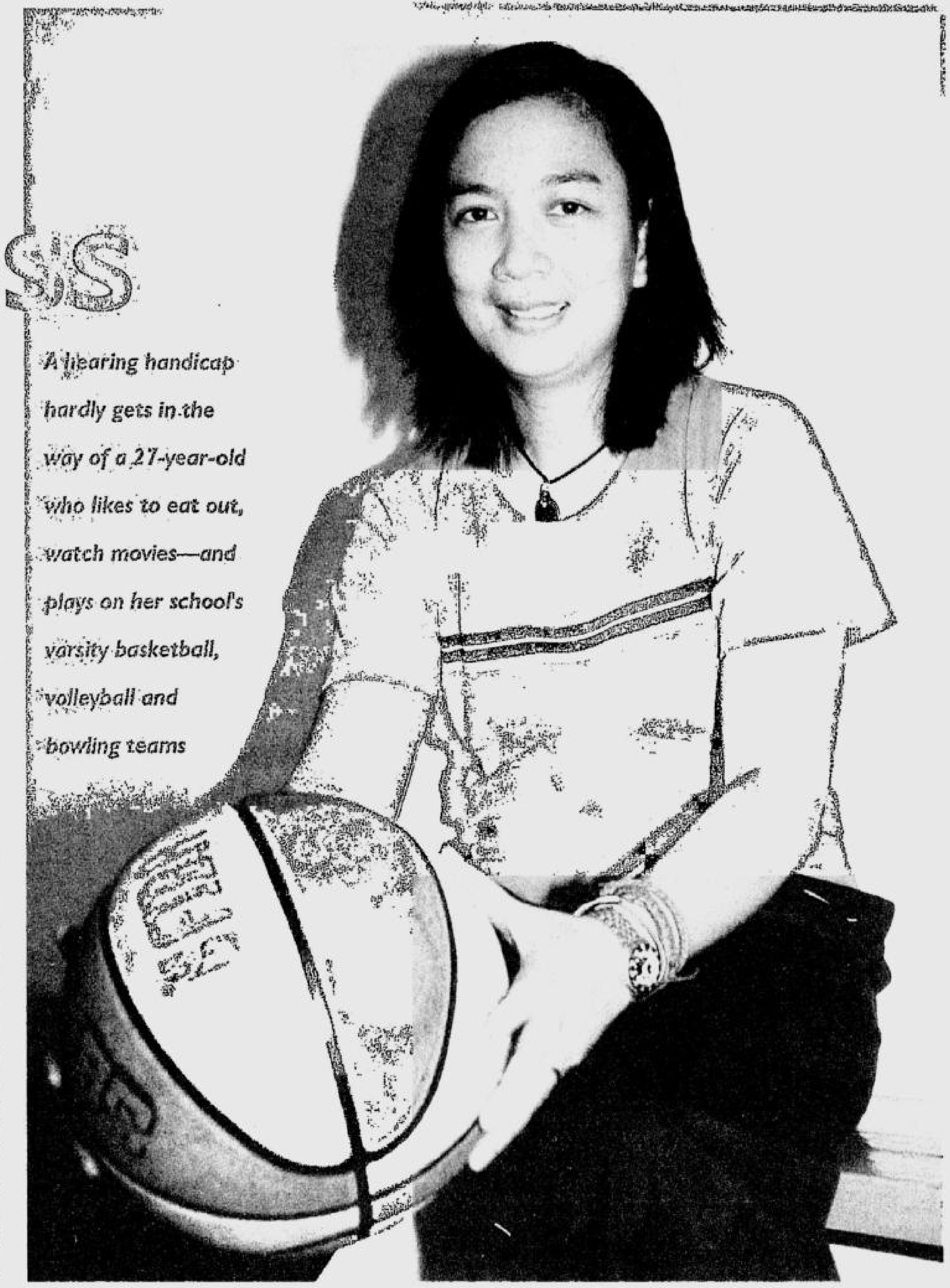

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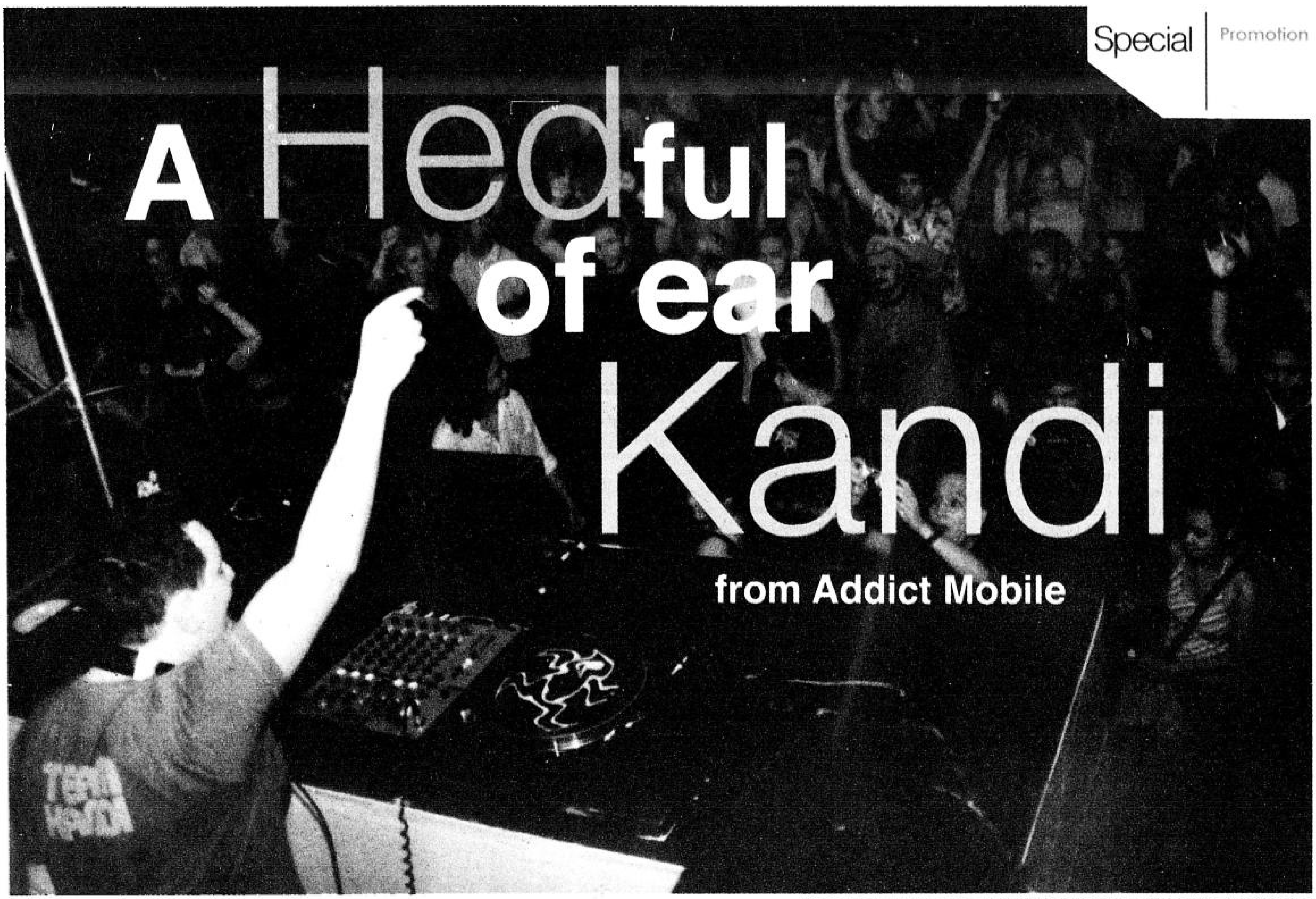

There was a subdued blue glow that resonated around the vast space of the NBC Tent last Saturday and it wasn't all coming from the lavish high-tech lights, that laced the venue. Instead, the massive speakers that lined the perimeter of the tent dripped with such soulful, sexy house music that the subdued glow was in effect a visual of the vibe itself. Thousands of the most beautiful night lovers converged in the NBC Tent for Addict Mobile and Big Fish's Hed Kandi Dance Event – the most sophisticated dance party of the year.

The first thing anyone would notice when you walk into the tent is that the décor and fixtures for the night have been as well thought out as the music. The main bar, located at the center of the tent, was the main gravitational center for socialites to start conversing. There were elevated lounge areas complete with rugs, couches, and fluffy pillows that were positioned on either side of the tent. These areas also served to showcase the beautiful young ladies and gents showing their latest designer gear for everyone to appreciate Small mini-bars were strategically placed around the perimeter for guests who would rather spend their night unnoticed and on the peripheral. Overall, the interior was spacious, cool, and very chic, giving the punters a feeling of a trendy manhattan nightclub, complete with iced martinis and stunning ladies.

The music that emanated from the massive speakers was refined and tasteful all through the night. DJ Mark Doyle of Hed Kandi, a veteran of many house parties throughout the years, was given free reign to play whatever stylish groove he felt would move the busy dance floor He started out with some smooth deep house while the throngs of faithful Big Fish clubbers filtered into the tent. As the venue gradually filled to capacity, the DJ upped the tempo and the feel of his set by dropping ultra-funky house cuts that had the rapturous crowd wiggling their hips in jaw-dropping appreciation. As the night drew to a close DJ Mark Doyle handed down some old-school magic as the older, more clued-up crowd felt the love of "their" classic tracks and showed their approval by raising their arms in the air and dancing the night away.

The undoubted main attraction of the night were the people. Young, fashionable, and packing bucket loads of attitude, this Addict Mobile event teemed with a crowd full of vitality and beauty. The crowd was still busy checking out the Addict Mobile booth when the music started. In fact the booth was one of the busiest sections of the venue as hordes of mobile phone enthusiasts inquired about the service's numerous features. Those who made their way into the tent were so obviously into the music, as they lost no time getting into the swing of things. Everywhere you looked bodies gyrated to the groove and smiles were gleamed to friends and acquaintances like flash bulbs from paparazzi. It was evident that another great party had just happened because of all the people who showed up at the official after party. DJ Kevin Ruiz and DJ TC played together with four decks and two mixers to a massive crowd in Wherelse? There wasn't much room to maneuver as the intimate club struggled to hold the thousands of people who came from the tent.

The Hed Kandi event in the NBC Tent last weekend was a smashing success in more ways than one. The interior and fixtures were superbly designed while the music was of the highest quality throughout. Ultimately the way this event distinguished itself was through the quality of the crowd and the fun that ensued from such a crowd. Like any good party that we've thrown in the past, the most vital measure of success has always been how much fun your guests had.

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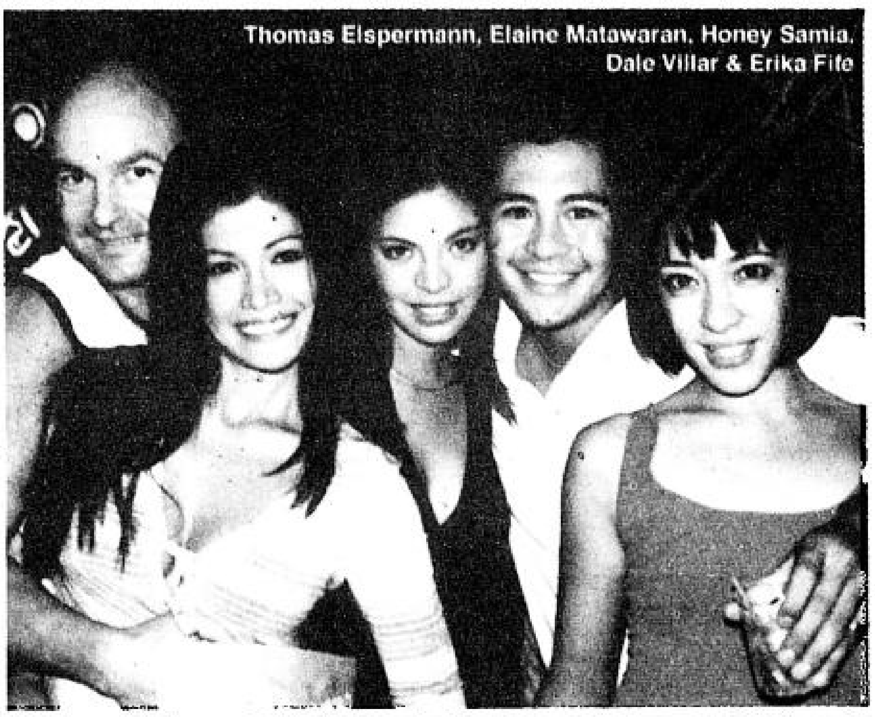

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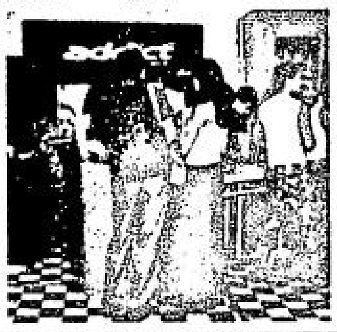

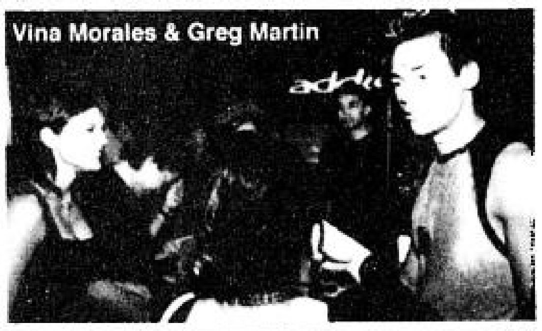

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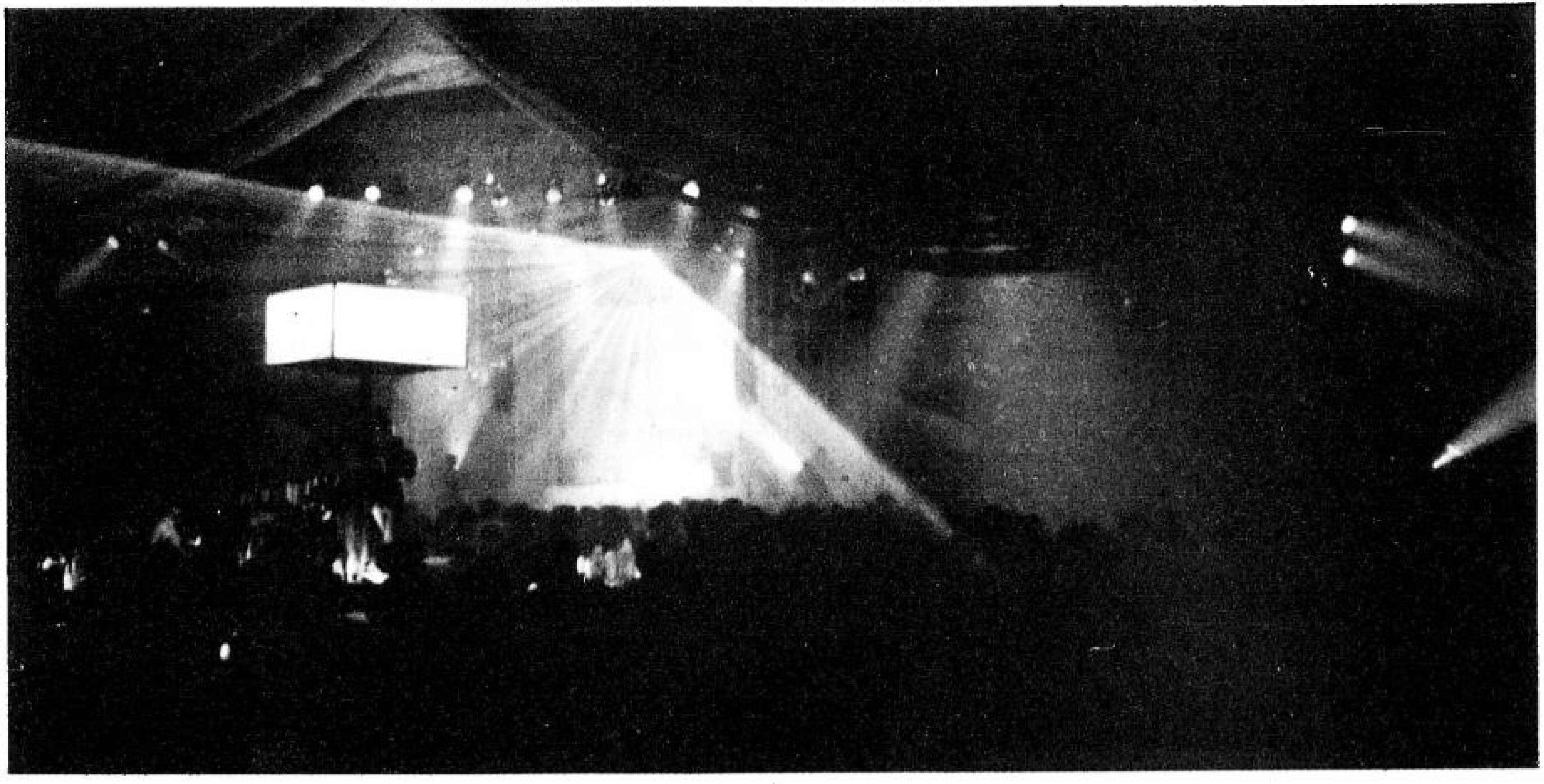

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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Ascension and Witnessing

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THE CHURCH celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus today, the seventh Sunday after Easter Sunday. On the third day after his death, as he promised, Jesus came marching out with a vengeance to tell the world that he was not a nobody, that he was not a good-for-nothing and that he was not dead. It was a day of vindication for Jesus.

Ascending simply means saying goodbye to all that is earth-bound and worldly-wise, and saying hello to things and issues that matter, things that belong to his Father's will.

In today's reading, we are simply told that "as Jesus was speaking, he was taken away from them, and a cloud hid him from their sight..." (Acts 1:9)

But the story of Jesus is not finished yet. Even in his absence, the Spirit of Jesus continues to be felt as present and active in those who believe and love him to the end. Like Nonoy and Mameng.

Vicente Encarnacion and Carmen Licauco (Nonoy and Mameng) were married at the Ermita Church on May 23, 1953, in a ceremony officiated by then UP chaplain Fr. J.P. Delaney, S.J.

Nonoy was a UP Sociology professor for 10 years, while Mameng was a UP prep teacher in the early '60s, after which she taught at the Ateneo Grade School (1963-1973). Both are now "busy being retired" but found time to pause awhile to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary last May 23, 2003 with their four living sons Ruben, Rene, Raul and Rafael, and their families and some friends.

Since I run a community of migrant and street youths who have almost no vivid memory of having a father and/or a mother in their younger years, we have adopted Nonoy and Mameng to serve as our surrogate Lolo and Lola here at the Center for Migrant Youth where the young ones have felt "really cool and young," they said, with Nonoy and Mameng, who have brought more life to their years rather than more years to their lives. We are grateful.

Tribute to a Golden Couple (a homily)

Growing old together is not only an art. It is also a science, and a spirituality.

It is an art because it brings out the beautiful, the good and the true about Nonoy and Mameng.

It is also a science because it teaches us the reality about aging and how to manage and delay it by knowing and befriending our hormones, blood pressure and nervous system.

Growing old is also a spirituality because it reminds us of the wisdom of "letting go and letting God." It re-evangelizes us about God being our First Love, and the rest being only our second love.

Growing old together begins with growing up together with your children. It is usually the time when you want them to grow up according to your fantasies, plans, dreams, and not necessarily according to who they are.

When the children began to grow gradually away from their parents at age 15, 16 or 17, they began to bond more with their peers outside the home. And when later they felt they had to move out of the house to marry and to bond with their own families and work teams in their workplaces, that's when the Nonoys and Mamengs we knew experienced the pain of the so-called Empty Nest Syndrome. Empty Nest Syndrome is common to "growing old couples." They must go through the five common stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

That's when the Spirituality of "growing old together" becomes useful wisdom—to be able to remain attached to our First Love—to make it easier for us to let go of our Second Love: Pera, Power, Popularity, Profession, Family, even our health and life itself. To let go and let God arrange for our last trip on earth without the extra baggage of our "second loves" and without the hysterical goodbyes at the end of the road.

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That's the lesson of Ascension and Witnessing today.

Golden couple Nonoy and Mameng Licauco enjoy the art of growing old together

The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia

Travelling in Circles

On the occasion of GMA's state visit, Bush described the American troops who were on Philippine soil during the Philippine-American war as partners in the struggle of Filipinos to gain their freedom. Countless revolutionary men and women must have turned in their graves

NEW YORK—I've long learned that there are many histories, most of them invisible to us; that there are multiple ways of writing, and rewriting, them; that the past is never static (and even that the "past" is never quite the past); that history is a never-ending process; and that the best known version is usually the official one—and therefore a representation favorable to those in power. History relies on memory and documentation, on both the intangible and the tangible, a statement sure to provoke complaints from those who believe strictly and solely in the latter and correspondingly put little faith in the former, an example of which would be oral accounts, and even dreams. (Perhaps art can be viewed as a kind of history of the intangible, of the subconscious.)

Recently, through the mediation of the Asian/Pacific/American Studies at New York University, where I teach on a part-time basis, several Filipinos/Filipino-Americans (including this writer) met with a consultant to the US Department of Parks and the Interior who wanted to gather ideas and suggestions as to what the "Filipino experience" was about, what we felt was crucial both to our individual experiences of living in the States and to the diaspora. He wanted to know what we thought the agency could do to mark our presence here. (Similar outreach efforts are being made to the Mexican Americans and African Americans.) Having to do largely with numbers, this recognition of our presence comes somewhat belatedly, for we are, or have been until now, a nation largely of the invisible. That appears to be changing as today, we constitute the second-largest growing immigrant population, Mexicans being the largest—two rivers of brown people flowing into, and at times against, the current of the Anglo-American ocean. The "Filipino experience" encompasses an impressively broad and remarkably multifaceted spectrum, spanning over three centuries, assuming the small settlements of Filipinos in 17th century Louisiana—crewmen who jumped ship due to abuses on board the Spanish galleons plying the Manila-Acapulco trade route—to be the seminal point of that experience.

Our small group put forth many suggestions, ranging from marking places where well-known Filipinos had visited or lived—Rizal's stops in the continental USA, Jose Garcia Villa's Greenwich Village flat, V.C. Igarta's studio in Chinatown—to documenting the evolution of community newspapers and rectifying the common mistake of monuments commemorating the Spanish-American War, where the dates in fact make it clear that the Philippine-American War is being subsumed by a shorter and less violent conflict.

Various organizations were named as sources for materials and other ideas, such as the Filipino American National Historical Society in Seattle, the National Federation of Filipino American Associations in Washington, the Kearny Street Workshop in San Francisco, and Visual Communications in Los Angeles. We identified themes like racism, colonialism, the *manong* experience, and issues of identity/nationality. Someone voiced what had long been felt by many and expressed at a number of conferences: the need for a Filipino-American museum. The Japanese, the Chinese, and the Koreans have each a museum, and I'd always felt that our contentiousness and parochial interests, our penchant for frippery such as formal balls and beauty pageants, and above all our lack of historical sense, and of resolve to confront politically sensitive issues, have prevented Filipinos from exerting the

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Revising history: US President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush welcome GMA and spouse Mike Arroyo

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This Week

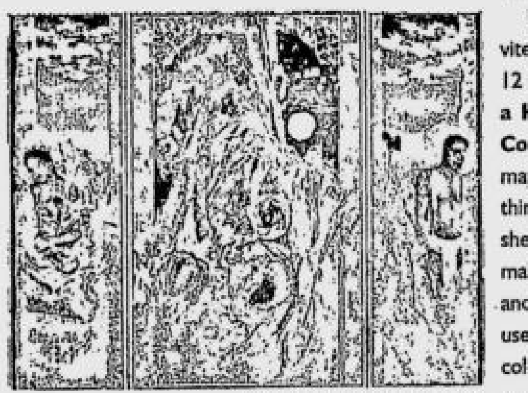
Art

A Tribute to the Environment, an exhibit featuring oil paintings done by the diplomatic corps and their spouses, June 3-13 at the Ugnayan Hall of the Development Bank of the Philippines, Gil Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue, Makati City.

Left Climate, paintings by Pardo de Leon and Popo San Pascual, June 5-21 at Mag:net Gallery, The Loop, ABS-CBN Compound, Eugenio Lopez Jr. St., QC.

Touched, an exhibit of black and white photographs by Eloi M.P. Hernandez, opens on June 5, 6 p.m. at the Bulwagang Fernando Amorsolo, Cultural Center of the Philippines. Exhibit runs until June 30.

Di Carlo's Women, a solo exhibit by Italian artist Vittorio Maria Di Carlo depicting a newer, more confident and secure Filipina, June 3-20 at Galleria Duemila, The Artwalk, SM Megamall A.



"Nuestro Perdido Eden" by Mario de Rivera, on view at Hiraya Gallery

Helpers, a photo exhibit by Rick Martin showing the many levels of living circumstances in Hong Kong, opens June 4 at the Ayala Museum, G/F Makati Stock Exchange Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City and will run until July 5.

Mario de Rivera will present his latest collection of paintings in **Fragments of Incantations** from June 8-25 at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila.

Music

The Manila Chamber Orchestra Foundation presents the Young Artists Series 2003 featuring **Angela Rose E. Calimon in a solo violin recital** with collaborating artist Jonathan Arevalo Coo. The recital will be held on June 8, 3 p.m. at the Francisco Santiago Hall of Equitable PCIBank, Tower I, Makati Avenue corner H.V. dela Costa Street, Makati City. Angela will perform pieces by Bach, Mozart, Wieniawski, Kasilag and Conus. For details, call 818-1403 or 840-7000 loc. 2630.

Cinema

In celebration of the Filipino-Chinese Friendship Day, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and the Cultural Center of the Philippines will hold a special screening of the monumental epic, ***Hari sa Hari, Lahi sa Lahi* (King and Emperor)**, and a photo exhibit, China Story, by Steve Zhao on June 8 at the CCP Little Theater at 6 p.m. Based on the annals of the Ming Dynasty and Philippine history books, the P100 million film was the first co-production venture between the Philippines and the People's Republic of China in 1987 and implemented by the CCP and the Beijing Film Studios. Noted Filipino filmmaker Eddie Romero co-directed the film with Chinese directors Hsiao Lang and Chou Lili. For inquiries, call the CCP Film Division at 832-1125 loc. 1704/05.

Onstage

London Suite, Neil Simon's collection of four short plays set in the same suite of an old, fashionable hotel in London, will be staged by Repertory Philippines at the Carlos P. Romulo Auditorium, RCBC Plaza from June 5-29, and at the Insular Life Theater in Alabang from July 4-6. The comedy features Miguel Faustmann, Jay Glorioso, Jeremy Domingo, Ana Abad Santos-Bitong and Oliver Usison. For tickets, call 887-0710 and 889-1246.

Jay Glorioso and Miguel Faustmann play an estranged couple in "London Suite"

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The launching of the book "The Hidden Battle of Leyte," a picture diary of Filipino comfort women during World War II, will be held on June 2, at the University of the Philippines Manila Conference Room, 1 p.m. The activity is sponsored by UPM Manila Studies Program and Lila-Pilipina, Inc.

Learn how to make the food you serve more visually exciting with fruit and vegetable carvings. ProActive Center for Training offers its **How to Garnish with Fruit and Vegetable Carving workshop** on June 6, 2-6 p.m. at Sari-Sari Cafeteria, Eastwood City Walk, Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at 787-6370 or 0916-8226053.

Faber-Castell invites students ages 7-12 to join the **We Are a Happy Family Art Contest**. Students may draw or add anything to a coloring sheet of a family to make it more colorful and happy. They may use any Faber-Castell coloring products such as crayons, watercolor and coloring pencils. The coloring sheet may be availed of from a Faber-Castell art pack that may be purchased for only P50 from participating National Bookstore branches. The entries may be dropped at drop boxes in participating National Bookstore outlets or may be mailed to Faber-Castell, P.O. Box 1725 Quezon City Central Post Office, NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Students may submit as many entries as possible. Deadline is June 20. For details, call 361-7391 to 92.

Mensa Philippines, the local chapter of the international high-IQ society, will be holding a qualifying exam on June 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Private Room, Oakwood Premier Ayala Center, 6th Floor, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City. The test is culture-fair and is of the type often referred to as "abstract reasoning." Exam takers may register and start the test anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. You only need to bring a valid ID and the test fee of P400. Undergraduate students with valid student IDs may avail of a discounted rate of P150. Payments will be received only at the testing venue. More information about the test is available at the website: http://ph.mensa.org/qualify.html. Interested parties may pre-register for the Mensa exam by providing their name and contact info beforehand to the e-mail address testing@ph.mensa.org (subject: June 21 testing). For over-the-phone pre-registration or questions, call Patrick Ocampo at 524-4611 loc. 450 or visit the Mensa website at http://www.mensa.org.

On June 16-20, Venture for Fund Raising will conduct the **Basic Course on Fund Raising and The Art of Asking**, two seminar-workshops that aim to provide NGO managers and fundraisers with the technical know-how needed to attract and maintain donors, and raise the funds necessary to fulfill their missions. The courses will be held at the AIM Conference Center, Benavidez corner Trasierra Streets, Makati City. For inquiries, call Valerie Remoquillo at 634-8889 to 90. Deadline for registration is June 12.

JS Basic Creative Workshop offers painting lessons with Hector Mendoza as facilitator. There will be a free art class on June 7, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 713 Jose Abad Santos St., San Juan, Metro Manila. For inquiries, call 724-2366.

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pressure that we should be more capable of now than ever before. (The official count of Pinoys here stands at a little more than two million, though unofficially it's closer to three million.) Similar difficulties have plagued the three aforementioned Asian-American groups and yet they have their museums—certainly the most tangible, if conventional, form of a certain kind of history.

Though I recognize their indisputable value, museums always leave me ambivalent, no doubt because of the codification implied in their presentations and the feeling that what we are viewing belongs to the realm of what-has-been, to the dead. Still, the best museums manage to straddle the fine line between the final and the provisional. Hopefully, a Filipino-American museum, an idea whose time has come, will do just that. At the meeting we all recognized that establishing one will be difficult not so much because of the money involved and the amount of ground that needs to be covered, but more so because of who will get to decide its mission and makeup. Whoever they are need to be brave souls, at once completely professional, innovative and open-minded, and unflappable in the face of the carping that is sure to follow.

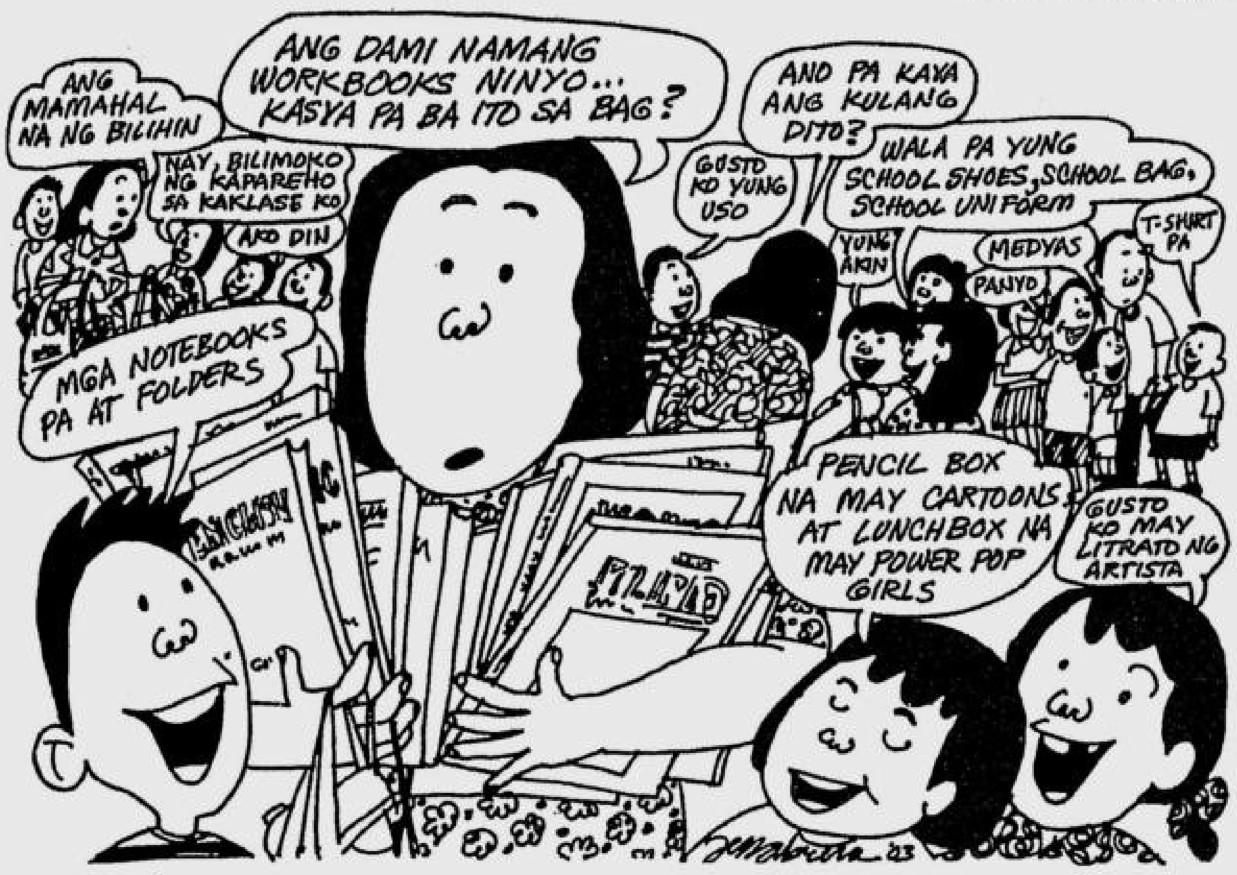
If such a museum existed and assuming it detailed the Philippine-American War—it will have to, to be thought of legitimately—it should do so not simply as a corrective to all those Hiker statues that gloss over America's first Asian war but as a way of keeping alive the truth of American intervention in the Philippines: not as an act of altruism but as the cold-blooded beginning of empire. It is a truth habitually and deliberately obscured, as, in his welcome remarks, on the occasion of her state visit, to Gloria Macapagal Arroyo—from one unelected president to another—George W. Bush did when he described the presence of American troops more than a century ago on Philippine soil as partners in the struggle of Filipinos to gain their freedom. Mabini, Jacinto, Aguinaldo, and countless revolutionary men and women must have turned in their graves at this revisionism, at this time-worn display of America in the dress of Benevolent Emperor. No one in the Philippine delegation, least of all GMA, was willing to say that the emperor had no clothes.

Can you imagine what the reaction would be were the Japanese PM to declare, on a state visit by China's head of state, that the Japanese Imperial Army was in Nanjing during World War II to liberate it? Or if GMA were to pay a visit to Tokyo and be greeted with the seemingly felicitous statement that about 62 years ago, Japanese troops came to our shores to help end foreign domination? Justifiable outrage would ensue. And yet a similar and gross falsification uttered by an American president is greeted with warm smiles and pledges of friendship. In the enduring myth of little brown brotherhood (or sisterhood, in this case), the most resonant and accurate word is "little." The distance traveled from colonial days might seem to be long but those days, like vehicles in a rearview mirror, are much closer than they appear to be.

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

School Things



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The Writer's

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emplary works of students in literature, and rounded it off by also bagging the much coveted Rector's Award for Literature. In his sophomore year he was elected president of the Thomasian Writers' Guild. Now he tackles the post of editor-in-chief of the Flame, the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters journal. To top this all off, Angelo has been a fellow at both the University of the Philippines and Dumaguete National Writers' Workshops. Just this summer, he was a finalist for the Maningning Miclat Poetry Award. Not bad for a self-confessed bum who never dreamed he would turn out to be a writer.

"I wanted to be a fireman and a chef, I wanted to be everything, but never a writer," he confesses. "I didn't know what to do with my life before my third year in high school. I only started having direction when my English teacher told me that I had a gift for writing literary stuff." The following year, Angelo became the editor-in-chief of the Aquinian, the official publication of UST High School.

He points to two incidents that led to his decision to become a poet. "I knew I wanted to become a writer when I came across Alfred Yuson's novel 'The Great Philippine Jungle Energy Cafe.'" Angelo considers the famous writer one of his greatest writing influences, alongside pros of the pen Eric Gamalinda and Ophelia Alcantara Dimalanta.

The other was when he joined the Love Out Loud Contest sponsored by the University of the Philippines Institute of Creative Writing. "This was the time I decided I didn't just want to write poetry, I also wanted to perform poetry," he said. As it turned out, he had a knack for doing this quite well, and with comic style. Who else would have been crazy and daring enough to write a poem in gigantic rolls of tissue paper and spray-paint the wads? Apparently, the judges must have appreciated the bit of insanity and tons of creativity; he won first prize. "The entire poem smelled like the bathroom," he laughs.

The desire to write didn't start early, but just got stronger through the years. For him, writing was more like a lightning bolt striking him at the right time. "It just happened. I read that novel, and then bang!" In turn, Yuson has referred to the up-and-coming Angelo as "the Kobe Bryant of Philippine poetry."

His buddies at the Thomasian Writers' Guild also aid him in his growth as a poet. Angelo is grateful to his mentors at the UST Center for Creative Writing and Studies, especially its director and renowned poet Ophelia Dimalanta. "I didn't take college entrance exams in other schools. I wanted to study here because of her. She has helped me a lot in my writing," Angelo explains.

For Angelo, being young has a lot of advantages, not the least of which is having the luxury of experimenting with the way you write. "*Halo-halo ang* writing style *ko*. I like writing poems that can be yelled out loud. Usually these have to be poems that are socially relevant. But when I write I try to lighten the tone, especially if the message is heavy. What I'm after is instant connection with the audience."

His reputation as a campus poet stretches far and wide. The question that hounds Angelo now is what will happen next, when he gets out of school and into the real world alongside the major players. "I don't know. I don't know what to expect from myself. I just suddenly grew my hair," he kids.

But Angelo does have some plans for his life ahead. "I want to study, probably a masters in Literature, but I would also like to study Philosophy." He also wants to teach, which is a bit of a surprise given his youthful, laid-back attitude; imagine your professor in a get-up and hairstyle hipper than yours. "There are a lot of things you can learn from students," Angelo says.

On writing, Angelo Suarez only has this to say, "All I'm sure of is I want to continue writing. I think I'll be doing this all my life, if I don't get burned out. But right now, even in the shower, all I can think about is what to write next."

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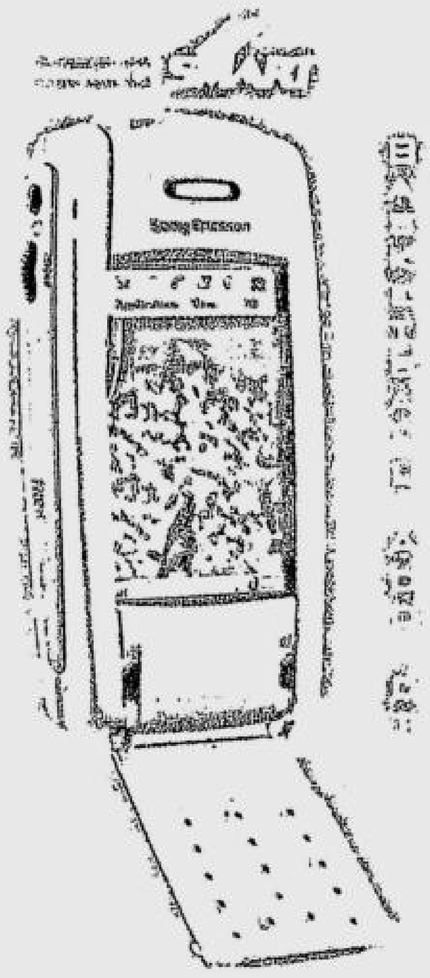

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Kasalang Filipino

CELEBRATE the joys and traditions of the Filipino wedding with *Kasalang Filipino*, the first-ever national bridal fair road show across ten key cities in the country. Co-presented by the Philippine Daily Inquirer Lifestyle Weddings and Engagements, Sunday Inquirer Magazine and Kasal.com and organized by local partner hotels/event planners, *Kasalang Filipino* features the best of Philippine wedding essentials and services and highlights Filipino wedding customs and traditions.

The first leg starts in Iloilo City on May 31 and June 1 at the ***Amigo Terrace Hotel***. Dubbed *Kasalan sa Iloilo*, it is the first bridal fair in the city. The affair will feature a combination of the best wedding suppliers of the Visayas region and Metro Manila.

Known for its quaint surroundings and charming people, Iloilo City is home to some of the country's most beautiful churches, among which is the majestic *Miag-ao Church* - now part of the UNESCO World Heritage List. It is also known for its *Dinagyang Festival* (the *Ilonggo*'s version of the *Ati-Atihan*), exquisite *piña* and *jusi* weaves, and specialties like *pinasugbo* (banana brittle), *biscocho* (toasted bread) and *La Paz batchoy*.

Kasalang Filipino continues on to the following cities:

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CEBU CITY – August 1-3, 2003

Known as the Queen City of the South, Cebu City is the political, economic, educational and cultural center of the Visayas. Cebu City is likewise the country's oldest Spanish settlement. Right in the heart of the city is the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño which houses the image of the Santo Niño given by Ferdinand Magellan to Rajah Humabon. Magellan's Cross contains the original cross planted by Magellan.

Come January, cries of "*Pit Señor! Viva Santo Niño*!" punctuate the air as all of Cebu celebrate the *Sinulog* Festival. Tribes garbed in colorful attire dance in the streets while holding aloft images of the Santo Niño. For *pasalubong*, bring home the famous dried mangoes, Cebu guitar, shell handicrafts, *otap*, and *turrones*.

Kasalan sa Cebu will be held at ***Ayala Center Cebu***. With over 700,000 square feet of prime malling convenience, this favored leisure destination embodies the lifestyle pulse of the city and serves as the weathervane for what's in, what's happening, and who's who.

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CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – August 16-17, 2003

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Cagayan de Oro City boasts of scenic attractions like the seven-hectare Gardens of Malasag Eco-Tourism Village, the 130-foot circular Makahambus Cave and Gorge, the Catanico Falls and museums like the Sontillano Shell Museum and Museo de Oro. Adventurers visit the city for white water rafting and the occasional 4X4 wheel drive challenge.

Kasalan sa Kagayhaan is organized by ***The Professional Organizers Unlimited***, Inc., a private domestic corporation based in Cagayan de Oro City specializing in the conduct of special events and marketing consultancy. The affair will feature the best wedding suppliers of Cagayan de Oro. It will be at the scenic ***Pryce Plaza Hotel*** which offers an awesome view of the bay and the city.

DAVAO CITY - September 6-7, 2003

Mt. Apo, the country's highest mountain, dominates the city of Davao. As a national park area, the mountain is home to exctic fruits like the *durian*, *marang* and *pomelos*, flora like the exquisite *Waling-waling* orchid and fauna such as the Philippine eagle, the national bird and one of the world's largest birds.

The week-long *Kadayawan sa Dabaw* festival in August is the city's premier festival. It highlights the different tribal cultures of the region with songs, dances, games, trade fairs and a flower and fruit float parade. For *pasalubong*, Davao's marketplaces are teeming with fresh seafoods, meat and tropical fruits.

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BATANGAS CITY – September 20-21, 2003

Batangas is home to one of the world's smallest and active volcanoes, the Taal Volcano, which is a lake within a volcano within a lake. For history aficionados, the Taal Heritage Village is worth visiting for its 19th century houses turned museums.

For *pasalubong*, bring home a piece of Batangas with fan knives or *balisong*, peanut candies, tamarind preserves and embroideries.

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TAGAYTAY CITY – September 27-28, 2003

The city of Tagaytay is perched on a ridge, above the famous Taal Lake and the active island-volcano. The ridge is said to be part of the crater of a much larger collapsed volcano.

The resulting breath-taking view makes Tagaytay a favorite among the locals and tourists for excursion trips. The blue South China Sea is visible in the distance and during summer, black-and-yellow birdwing butterflies flutter in abundance. The elevation results in a pleasantly cool climate.

Kasalan sa Tagaytay will be at ***Days Hotel-Tagaytay***, which provides a commanding view of the famous Taal Lake and Volcano. It is nestled to the mountainside, forming a magnificent enclave in the Tagaytay Ridge.

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DAGUPAN CITY – October 11-12, 2003

Aptly called "Bangus City," Dagupan City is a proud producer of fresh seafoods, especially taking pride in the world-famous *Bonuan bangus*. Recently, the city has come to celebrate the *Bangus* Festival with *bangus* rodeos, 101 ways to cook *bangus* and a bid for the longest grill in the world.

Kasalan sa Dagupan will present the premier wedding suppliers of the city. It will be held at the Grand Ballroom of the city's premier hotel, the luxurious ***Star Plaza Hotel*** right in the heart of Dagupan.

SAN PABLO CITY – October 25-26, 2003

Dubbed as the City of Seven Lakes, San Pablo lies in the southern portion of Laguna and is considered a major hub of the province as it serves as the gateway to Lucena and the Bicol region.

The city is blessed with hot springs and awesome views. The romantic Villa Escudero resort is a favorite venue for weddings and honeymoons. Another city attraction is the festival every January which is characterized by Mardi Gras-like street dancing.

BAGUIO CITY – November 8-9, 2003

Developed in the early 1900s by the Americans to be a mountain retreat, the city of Baguio is known as the "Summer Capital of the Philippines."

Popular tourist destinations are Burnham Park with its pine trees, flower gardens and man-made lagoon; the twin-spired Baguio Cathedral and Lourdes Grotto; the Mansion House and Mines View Park. Baguio City is likewise synonymous to its *pasalubong* like fresh strawberries and vegetables, fruit preserves, peanut brittle and silver jewelry.

Kasalan sa Baguio will be at the prestigious ***Baguio Country Club***, featuring exhibits of the city and the country's top wedding designers and suppliers.

INTRAMUROS, MANILA – November 22-23, 2003

The Walled City of Intramuros served as the seat of Philippine government from 1571 to 1898. The walls measure 4.5 kilometers and once housed a 64-hecatare area occupied by houses, palaces, monasteries and schools. The word Intramuros means "inside the walls." The fort was burned down when the Americans recaptured Manila from the Japanese in 1945. Recently, it was once again revived, now teeming with restaurants, gardens and other city attractions.

Organized by the ***Rotary Club of Intramuros***, the national road show culminates in ***San Diego Gardens, Intramuros*** with the country's best wedding suppliers, a grand fashion show and raffle draws giving away the biggest prizes.

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12 Months Before

According to the experts, a year before your wedding is the perfect time to pick the date, decide the style and scale of the event, and work out a budget. After having done all that, it's time to:

- Make a reservation for your wedding and reception venues.
- Hire a wedding consultant or coordinator (if you choose to get professional help).
- Select the members of your entourage: your principal/secondary sponsors, maid of honor, bridesmaids, best man, etc.)
- Start looking for prospective caterers (if necessary), invitation printers, cake confectioners, florists, photographers, musicians and souvenir suppliers.
- Find out the legal aspects and requirements of getting married. Plan for your financial future. Discuss prenuptial agreements with each other.
- And of course, last but least, celebrate your engagement and announce it to family and friends!

6 to 9 Months Before

This is the time to book your wedding suppliers and start shopping for your wedding finery. Of course, you should have already decided on your color motif or theme. If ever you get tired of all the frantic activity, you can also start making your wedding wish list and planning for your dream honeymoon.

- Bride: choose a gown designer for yourself and your bridal entourage.
- Groom: find a suit or barong.
- Choose a person to officiate the wedding, whether a priest, pastor or judge.
- Decide on the missalette's contents (if necessary). Write the marriage vows/ceremony and coordinate with your wedding officiator.
- Book your caterer, florist, photographer, musicians and make arrangements with them.
- Determine the guest list and order invitations. Keep this list for future reference when sending thank-you notes to guests.
- Shop together for your gift registry.
- Plan your honeymoon. Make arrangements with a travel agent especially if you're traveling outside the country.
- Reserve a wedding night suite.

2 to 4 Months Before

Much of the preparation is done two to four months before the wedding so there is a lot for you to accomplish. It's now time to:

- Buy your wedding rings.
- Apply for your marriage license, attend the necessary seminars and submit all required documents to allow for ample processing time.
- Make a schedule for pre-wedding affairs (whichever you intend to have): a *pamamanhikan* (the formal meeting of the bride and groom's families), *despedida de soltera*, the bridal shower and stag party. Make sure that you also reserve a date for the rehearsal (and rehearsal dinner) and that you personally invite your principal and secondary sponsors to be part of your entourage.
- Book a hairdresser and make-up artist and order your bridal accessories.
- Have both of your mothers and other significant wedding guests select and coordinate their attire.
- Order your wedding cake.
- Select and order souvenirs or give-aways.
- Address the invitations.
- If you need to, find persons for the following assignments: commentator/lector, readers, offertory participants, reception emcee and attendants who will receive the gifts, have the guestbook signed and distribute the give-aways.
- In case you need to move, start looking for your new home.

1 to 2 Months before

Okay, maybe now your nerves are getting frayed. But if you've followed the previous steps then there's really no reason to panic. Take deep breaths and don't forget to:

- Send or deliver invitations four to six weeks before the ceremony.
- Finalize arrangements with the caterer, reception venue, florist, photographer, musicians, and wedding officiant.
- Arrange for final fittings for bride's and attendants' gowns.
- Send copies of the ceremony's weddings/missalette to wedding participants.
- Finalize your honeymoon plans/reservations.
- If applicable, arrange accommodations and transportation for out-of-town guests.
- Buy gifts for sponsors, entourage members and each other (if you are to exchange gifts).

2 to 6 Weeks before

- Make follow-up calls to guests who haven't RSVP'd so you could give a final head count to the caterer/hotel/restaurant.
- Pick up your marriage license.
- Secure EVERYTHING you need for your wedding day: wedding rings, attire, accessories, give-aways, etc.
- Send your wedding announcements (include a formal bridal portrait) to newspapers.

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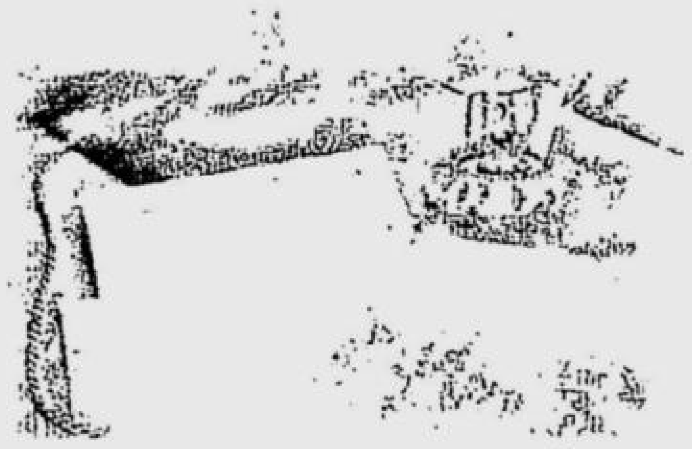

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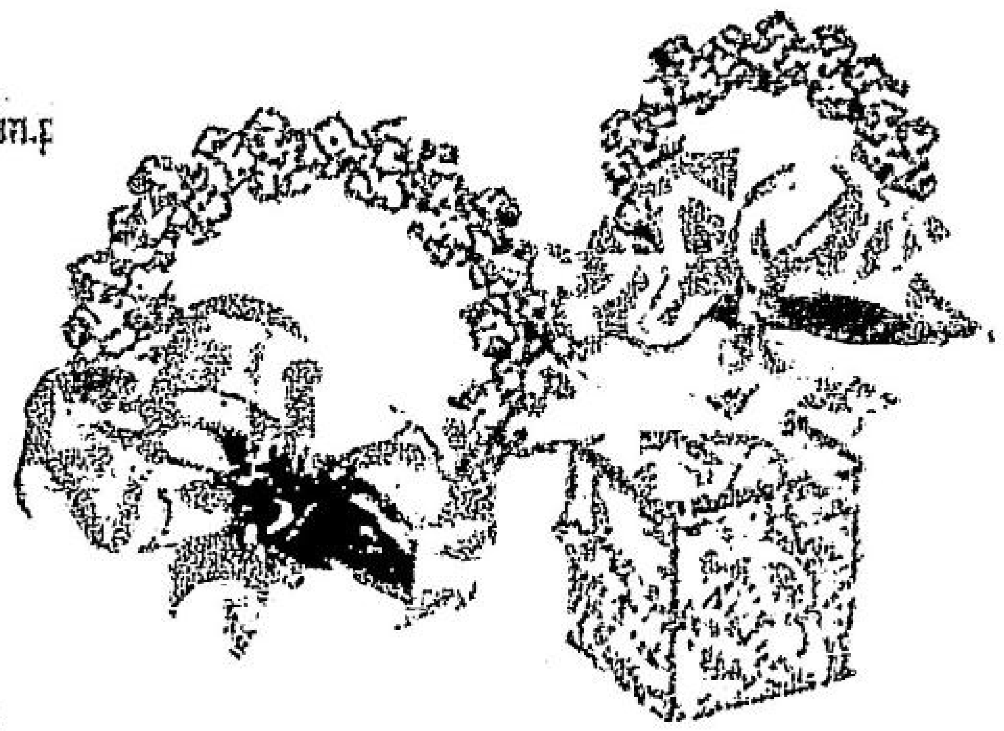

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Eggs for a Rain-free Wedding

ALTHOUGH there are those who believe that rain on a wedding mean good luck and blessings from above, most Filipino couples wish for a rain-free wedding. To ensure such, chanting "Rain, rain, go away…" would do no good; it is time to offer eggs to the sisters of the Sta. Clara convent along Marcos Highway.

Sta. Clara is the patron saint of good weather because "*claro*" in Spanish also means "*unclouded*," thus pertaining to fair weather (a cloudless sky). Eggs are offered because "*claro*" is also believed to refer to the albumen or egg white whose clear consistency is symbolic of a "clear" sky. Do not stop at eggs though, for fruits and other goodies could also be offered to the sisters of Sta. Clara to help you pray for the perfect weather on your big day.

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The Wedding Rhyme

YOU THINK June or December are the only great marrying months? You may consider getting married on November after reading this old English rhyme:

Married when the year is new, he'll be loving, kind and true.
When February birds do mate, you wed nor dread your fate.
If you wed when March winds blow, joy and sorrow both you'll know.
Marry in April when you can, joy for maiden and for man.
Marry in the month of May, and you'll surely rue the day.
Marry when June roses grow, over land and sea you'll go
Those who in July do wed, must labour for their daily bread.
Whoever wed in August be, many a change is sure to see.
Marry in September's shrine, your living will be rich and fine.
If in October you do marry, love will come but riches tarry.
If you wed in bleak November, only joys will come, remember.
When December snows fall fast, marry and true love will last.

Do take note that this is only a superstition, for with true love, any marriage will last whatever the month!

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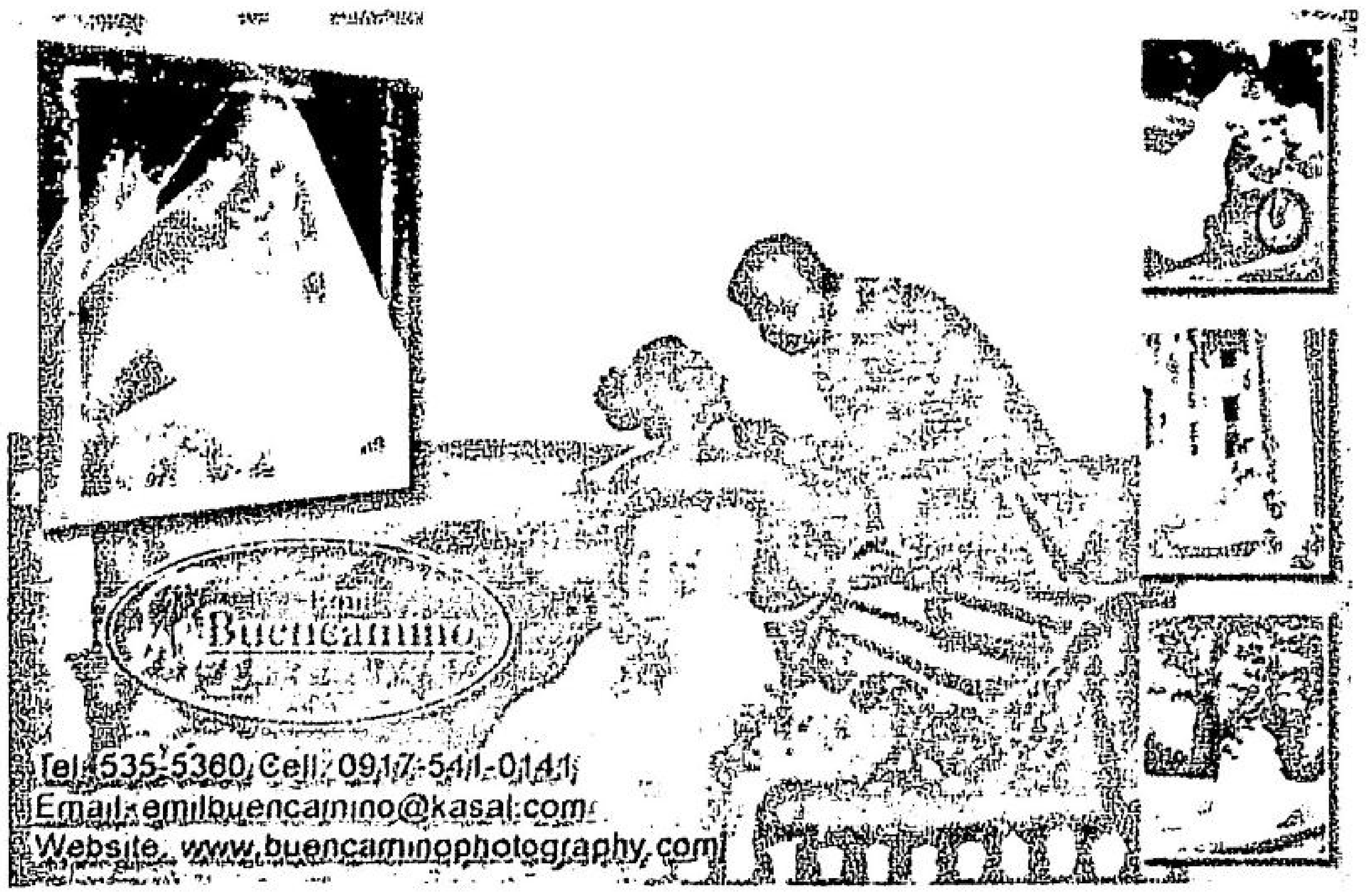

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Beauty Checklist

A WEDDING sure is replete with checklists: the budget, the guest list, etc. However, this is one checklist any bride is sure to enjoy, the beauty checklist.

Six Months Before

You will be photographed thousands of times on your wedding day, make sure you like your hairstyle and make-up. Start calling up hairstylists and make-up artists, or you could ask your *kikay* friends and relatives if they would be willing to do your wedding look. As much as possible, schedule trial make-up sessions.

Five to Three Months Before

Should you decide to change your hairstyle or undergo facial treatments, now is the time to do so. This way, should you decide that your highlights are not right for the look you are aiming for, you have enough time to grow them out.

Two Months Before

Sixty days to go and you are starting to freak out. Relax, pamper yourself by going to the spa. Indulge yourself between brainstorming sessions if you should get a fondant cake or not with foot spas, waxing sessions and body massages.

One Month Before

Have your trial make-up session. Invite your female entourage over and have them go over your look.

Two Weeks Before

Have your hair trimmed, highlights re-touched, and the ubiquitous manicure and pedicure. Squeeze in one final body massage session at your favorite spa.

The Big Day: Bridal Beauty Bag

Every girl totes around her own version of the *kikay* kit; her wedding day is no exception. Put that gorgeous beaded bag that came along with your gown to good use by filling it with beauty essentials. However, since the bag will be loaded with your beauty loot, hand it instead to your maid of honor or a bridesmaid for safe-keeping. Besides, it is part of her duties to make sure that you look especially dazzling on your big day.

Below are some suggested beauty items for your bridal beauty bag. You are free to add or take out some items:

- Mini-lipstick
- Lip gloss
- Blush
- Oil-blotting film or paper
- Light Perfume or Cologne
- Small brush/comb
- Bobby pins
- Pressed powder
- Tissue, cotton balls and cotton buds
- Breath mints
- Hairspray
- Lotion

Beauty experts also have two magic words for you: *touch up*. Never attempt to overhaul your look after the ceremony for the reception proper. Before entering the venue, slip into the rest room with your attendants and powder your nose, pin up some stray strands of hair and re-apply your lipstick. But never attempt to come up with a whole new look.

Lastly, don't forget to relax and smile, these won't surely fit in your beauty bag but would surpass all your beauty loot in making you the picture-perfect happy bride.

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Rice for Life and Love

PERHAPS one of the things that distinguishes Filipinos from other cultures is our immense love for rice. No full meal is ever deemed complete without rice, and rice has been attributed to the rapid formation and development of pre-colonial communities. The country's landscape is dotted with wide plains of rice paddies.

Rice also figures prominently in our wedding practices. During pre-colonial times, handfuls of rice is exchanged between the Filipino couple to solemnize their marriage. Social status was said to be measured by the quantity of rice a family had stored.

Nowadays, as the newly-weds step out of the church after the ceremony, they are greeted by showers of rice grains from their well-wishers. This practice traces back to the Middle Ages where the Christians adopted the Jewish practice of throwing handfuls of wheat over a newly-wed couple to insure fertility. Wheat was soon after replaced with rice because the latter was plentiful and less expensive.

Aside from "rice showers," there is also another custom involving this so-called grain of life. While preparing for the wedding, the bride-to-be assembles little bags of rice which she saves for herself and her future family. It is believed that these bags represent the future wealth of the family thus the bags are well preserved.

Rice has always played an important symbolic role in the Filipino culture – it symbolizes life, generosity, wealth, and in this case, love and a fruitful union.

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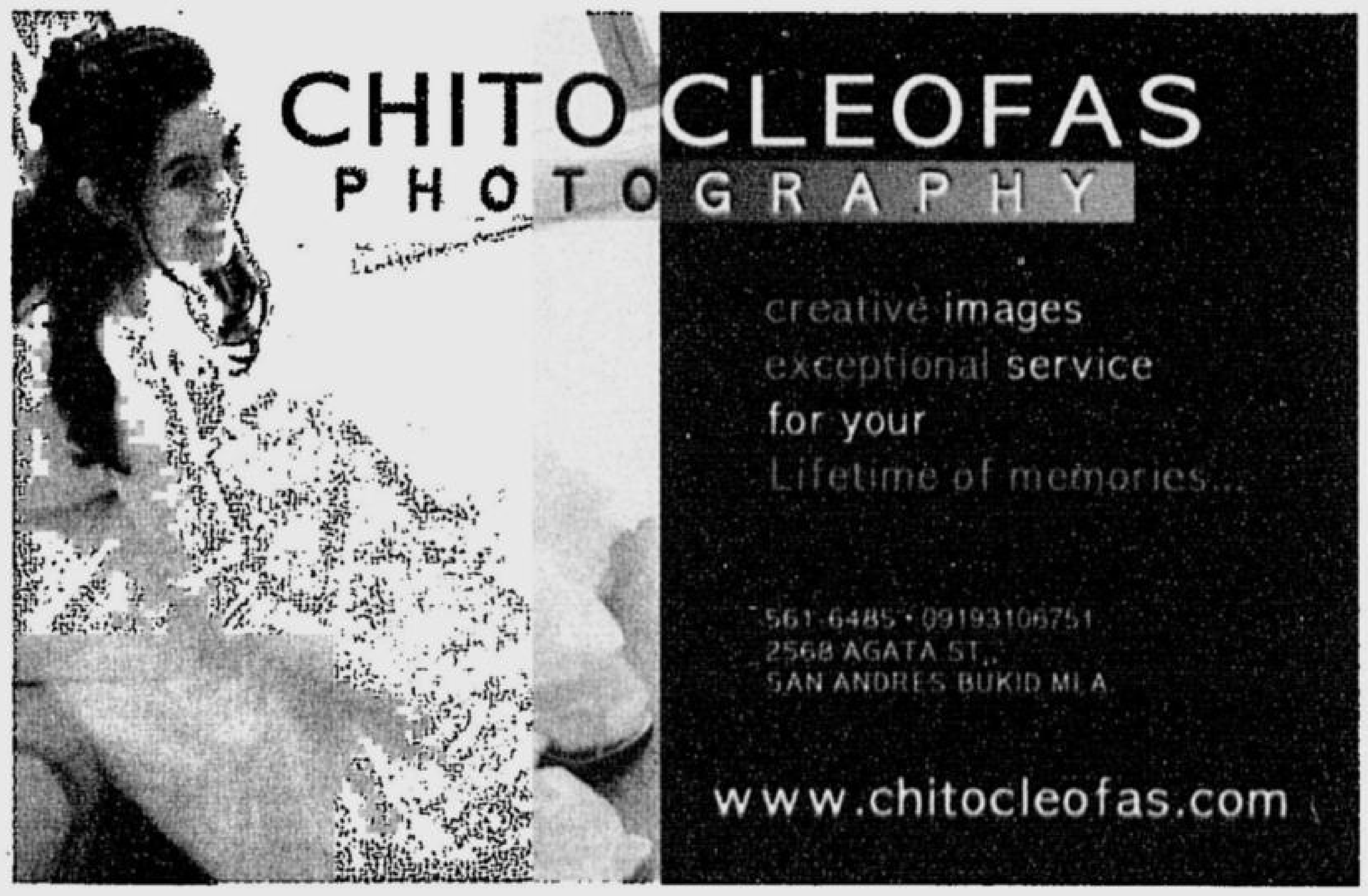
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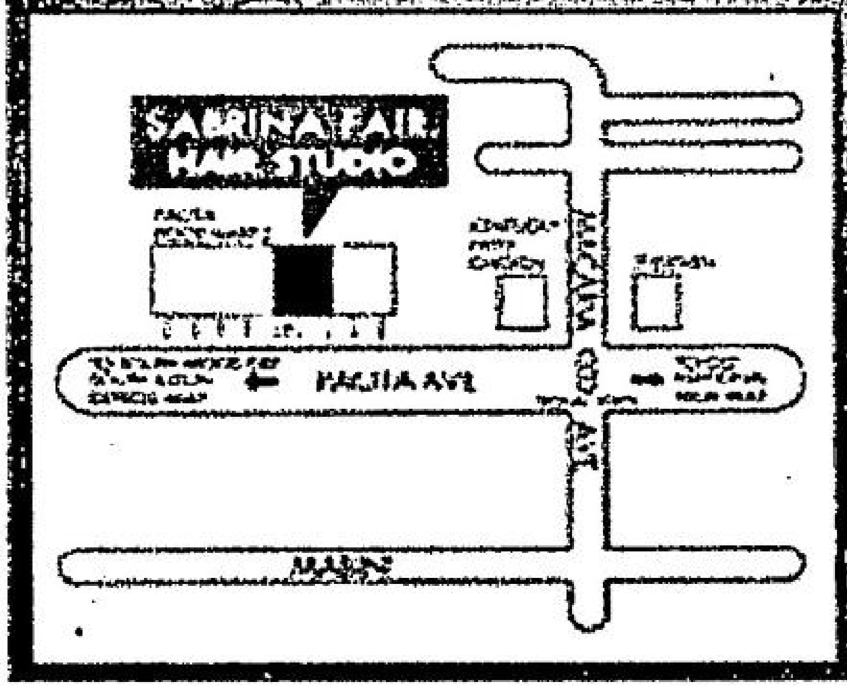

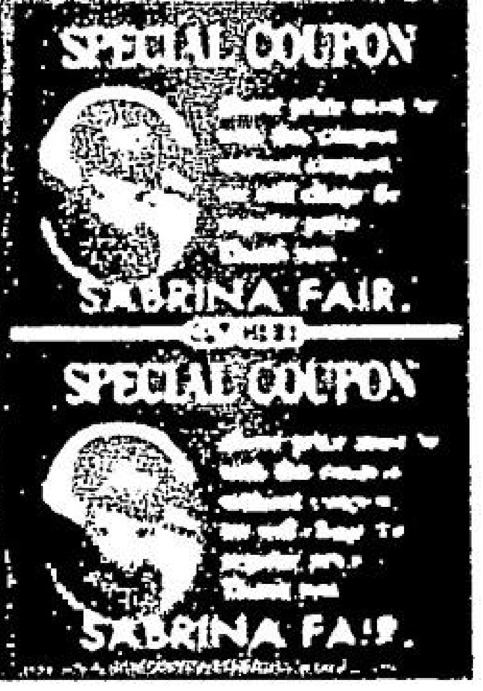
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Wedding ...

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1 to 2 weeks before

· Finalize matters with the officiator, caterer, florist, reception venue management, DJ or band, and all others who will play an active role in your wedding.

· Give the photographer/videographer the final list of pictures/shots you want taken.

· Time for your wedding rehearsals, *despedida de soltera* or bridal shower! Whichever one you're having, make sure to enjoy it!

The Day Before

At this point, everything should be covered. Relax and pamper yourself! Get a massage or have your manicure retouched. Take note though – no drastic changes with your look before the wedding! Just get plenty of rest so you'd be glowing and refreshed on your wedding day.

The Big Day

· Don't forget to eat something in the morning

· Bride: have your hair/make-up done about three hours before the ceremony. Start dressing at least an hour before.

· Groom: give your best man the bride's wedding ring. And don't forget the marriage license!

After the Wedding

· Send the announcement and wedding photo to local newspapers.

· Write and mail thank-you notes.

· After all the hustle and bustle, you could now look forward to the future and plan a happy life together!

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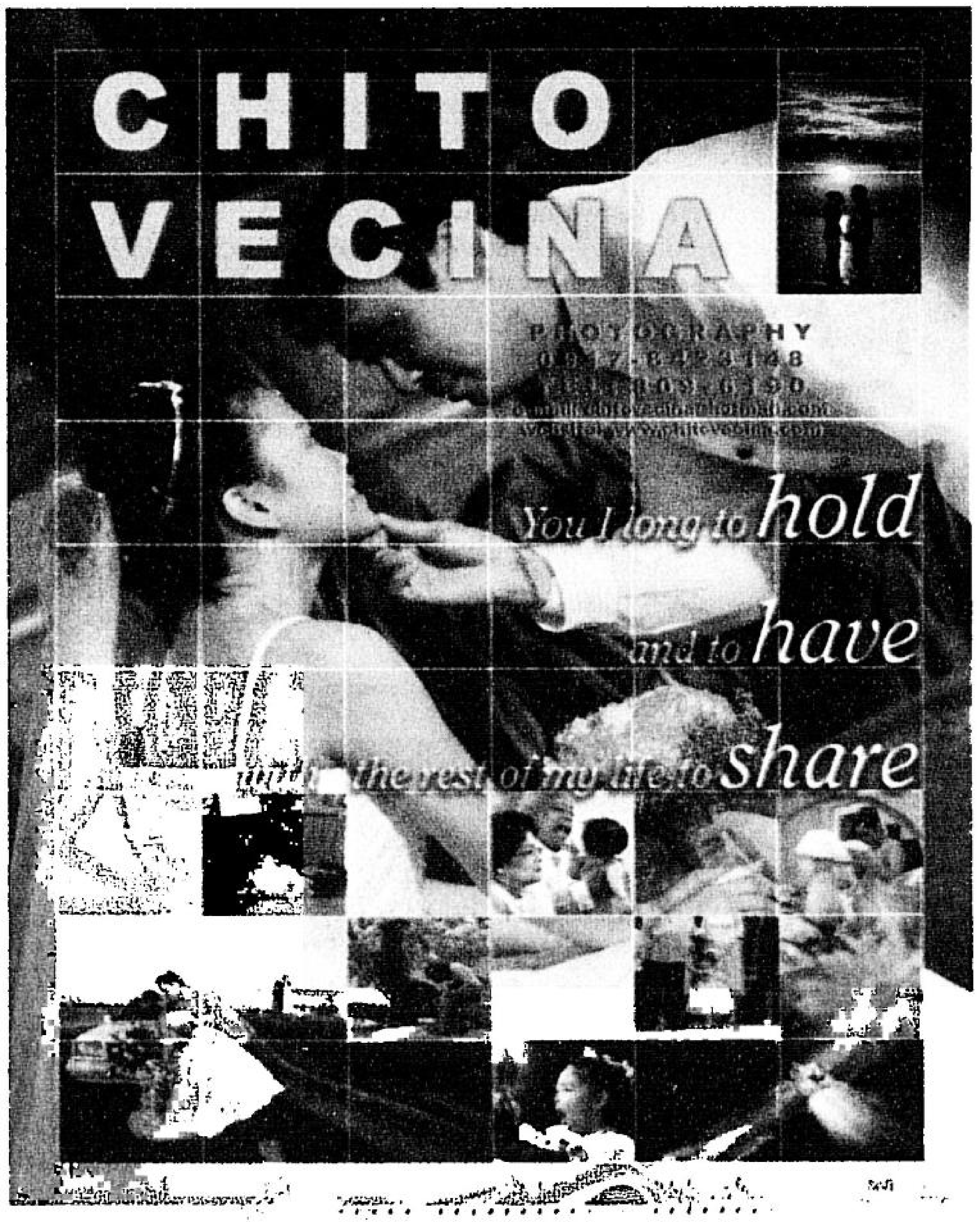
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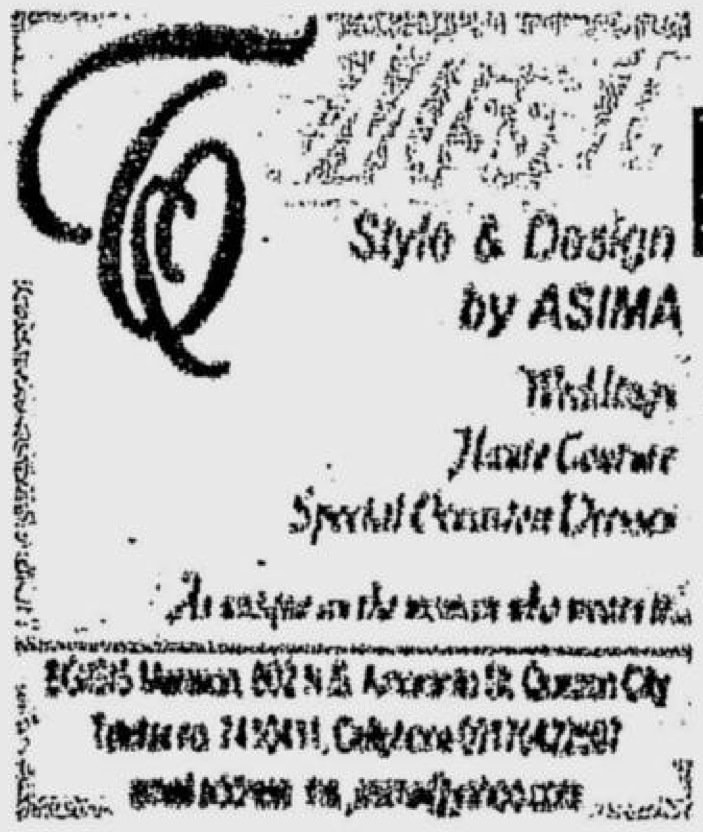
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